Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Helping Hands Play School **Enrollment:** 32 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 42008

Street: 900 Lincolnshire Place **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1813 Weinrose Dr NE, North Liberty, IA, 52317

Director's Name: Niki Becker and Roly Neuzil **Phone Number:** 319-936-5911

On-Site Supervisor(s): Chelsea Lenoch and Elisha Moffit **E-Mail:** helpinghandsplayschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-07-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-01-2024

FIRE INSPECTION **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 09-15-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	8	16		32
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 03-13-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Helping Hands PlaySchool for an annual visit on 3/7/24. The center provides child care for infants-preschool aged children. They currently has 32 children enrolled. The center is located inside of First Christian Church. The center has 3 classrooms, a cafeteria, kitchen, storage areas and an office. The fire inspection was 9/15/22.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

The directors are Niki Becker and Roly Neuzil. Niki has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Niki opened the center in 2013. Roly has an Associate's Degree. She has been working at the center since 2013.

The on-site supervisors are Chelsea Lenoch and Elisha Moffit. Chelsea has been working at the center since 2013. Elisha has been working at the center since 2017.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had completed fire and tornado drills as required.

The center's curriculum is from Brightwheel. Experience Curriculum has been supporting educators for over 30 years with a research-based curriculum system paired with high-quality, hands-on learning materials shipped monthly. It is aligned with NAEYC, Common Core, Head Start, and all 50 states' early learning standards.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-Niki, Roly and Chelsea have been with the center since 2013.
-The classrooms are clean and well organized.
-Staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level.
-The center utilizes Experience Curriculum.
-The center's child files were in full compliance.
-Center staff have completed Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.
-New flooring was installed in the hallways and cafeteria.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.

-The outside play area has a gate that is not latching.
-Classroom flooring has broken and missing tiles creating a tripping hazard and an area that cannot be sanitized/disinfected. It is imperative that this is repaired to ensure a safe and healthy environment.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
-A fuel burning appliance inspection has not been completed since 9/30/21.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.