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

Name of Center: Learning Center Preschool **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39324

Street: 614 Rice Ave **City:** Doon Iowa **Zip** 51235 **County:** Lyon

Mailing Address: PO Box 16, Doon, IA, 51235

Director's Name: Sarah Hofland **Phone Number:** 712-449-5109

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amy Zevenburger **E-Mail:** doonlearningcenter@icloud.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-23-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-16-2023

Comments : Program moved to a temporary site at the old Doon Christian School in the spring of 2023 for one year, due to the building they were in was being torn down and a new community center is being built in it place. Also, the program is in the process of being transferred to Amy Zevenburger as Sarah Hofland is resigning. Program will be looking for a different site for the 2024/2025 school year.

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			24		24
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-07-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 10--23-23 and spoke with Amy Zevenburger, onsite supervisor interium director as Sarah Hofland, director/owner is in the process of stepping down and handing the program to Ms. Zevenburger. Ms Zevenburger has been with the preschool program for several years working under Sarah Hofland. Sarah will continue to oversee the administration process of the program and transfer program by the end of the 2023/2024 school year. Ms Hofland has a BA in Elementary Education and eleven years of experience working with children and is working towards her masters in early childhood. The Learning Center Preschool is located on the second floor of the Doon Christian School. They offer a morning and afternoon program Monday 8:45am to 11:30am, and Thursday /Thursday a morning and afternoon program 8:45am 11:30am and 12:30pm to 3:00pm. The program uses two adjacent rooms at the Doon Christian School. The program serves child ages 3-5years old. The town library is also located in the same building.

There are 16 children enrolled in the program. There are only 8 children enrolled in each of the morning and afternoon sessions. At the time of the visit there were 7 children present. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center continues cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, five senses, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, and engaging the children in activities. The center utilizes Creative Curriculum. The center uses the Bright Wheel app to communicate with families and also signs children and staff in.
The restrooms are located on the lower level of the school building. Staff need to build in bathroom times or all go as a group even if one needs to go due to the location of the bathroom and not send kids downstairs on their own.

The parents are responsible for providing nutritious snacks for their own child. The program is not currently on the food program, however, encourage families to follow healthy snacks that meet the CACFP guidelines. If there is a snack that a parent provided that does not follow the food program the center has a healthy snack that they will provide for a child. If food that is brought by the children and are cold snacks they put into a refrigerator.

Center does not have any children that require meds. Therefore does not administer medication at this time. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented weekly due to the Fire Marshall request. Annual heating inspection needs to be completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place. Radon test also needs to be completed Center has a grassy area at the school for the children to go out and play. There is playground equipment that is old and not recommended for the children to play on. Playground is also next to a busy road and would need to be fenced in if the program stays at the building or has a longer program. Playground inspections need to be completed. The program also has a large room in the lower level to use for large motor as well.

The center does not transport children. The center does bring in a variety of guest speakers for the children.

Goals of the center is to either find a new location or due alot of renovations to the Doon Christian school building; also for Amy Zevenburger to take over the program.

Strengths of the program is that program is small in numbers. They also have a good relationship with their kids/families and the community.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Center is well organized

Very positive interaction with the children as well as good communication with the parents.

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

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

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center needs to email licensing consultant by 11- 30-23 confirming that all aspects below licensing standards have been corrected..

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.