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

Name of Center: Hope Grimes Preschool **Enrollment:** 32 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51166

Street: 1335 NE Beaverbrooke Blvd **City:** Grimes Iowa **Zip** 50111 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1335 NE Beaverbrooke Blvd, Grimes, IA, 50111

Director's Name: Erin Miller **Phone Number:** 515-259-9495

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** jody.hufford@hopewdm.org, erin.miller@hopegrimes.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-11-2023

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:** 01-05-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-18-2020

Comments : Johnston - Grimes Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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	0	6	53	0	59
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 01-11-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 1/11/23. The new director of the program, Erin Miller, was present throughout this visit as was her supervisor, Jody Hufford.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Hope Grimes Preschool is a newer program located within the Hope Grimes Church. The center was given permission to open on 9/8/20. The center serves children ages two through five years in age. There are a total of five classrooms, however, only two classrooms are currently being used. Capacity of the classrooms are 19 (upstairs), 6, 14, and 12 (downstairs), and 8 (extra room also downstairs). Starting January 1, 2023, there are only AM classes for the remainder of the year. The program hopes to again have PM classes next year. The center is only open during the school year.

All of the Hope programs are overseen by a Board. All of these programs also have a Hope Preschool Head Director, Jody Hufford, who oversees the daily operations of all of the Hope programs. The director of this specific program is as of 1/2023 is Erin Miller. Erin has a BA degree and a Master's degree in child related fields. Erin also has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were observed painting, drawing, and cutting paper to better enhance their fine motor skills. Downstairs, children were eating snack. Children stated they washed their hands prior to sitting down for snack. Staff were engaged with children and their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a newer center that meets a need in the community. Enrollment has again increased within the past year.

The center has as lot of support from the church.

All Hope programs share the same handbooks, same curriculums, trainings, etc. There is continuity.

There are monthly staff meetings held between all of the directors of the different Hope programs.

The director appears to be organized and has past experience working in child care.

Good child/staff activities were observed throughout the visit.

The center looked and smelled clean.

There is a secure entrance into the center.

The director believes her staff work well together.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: All children enrolled at the program need to have a doctor and a dentist. The name, address, and phone number is required.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
In the lower classroom in use, there was a dangling cord that needs to be more securely fastened to the wall.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon tested is due every two years and was last tested 8/19/22 - 8/22/22. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff.

The boilers were last inspected on 10/24/22.

The center does not transport and they do not go on field trips. The do bring different businesses and agencies into the center for presentations to children throughout the year.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. This consultant also showed the director the smart phone CACFP application.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.