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

**Name of Center:** Church Of The Cross Preschool **Enrollment:** 61 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28301

**Street:** 1975 8th St SW **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

**Mailing Address:** 1701 8th St SW , Altoona, IA, 50009

**Director's Name:** Tammie Dixon **Phone Number:** 515-967-0138

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** ccp@lccaltoona.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 04-11-2023

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:** 03-02-2021

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

**Date Inspected:** 02-13-2023

**Comments :**

**LICENSE TYPE:** **Child Care** X **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.) 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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | 46 | | 46 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-18-2023

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Church of the Cross Preschool has been in operation since 2005. This program provides preschool for children ages three through five years of age. The preschool uses three rooms within a building of Church of the Cross for programming. The center also uses a playground and a larger classroom for large motor play on inclement weather days. Tammie Dixon is the director. Tammie started as director in August 2023. Tammie has Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. Tammie has experience working at Head Start and in a daycare prior to employment at the preschool.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules and standards were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Schedules and lesson plans are posted outside of the classrooms. Classrooms are well supplied with labeled interest centers, age appropriate learning supplies, toys and furnishings. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies in the classrooms. Classrooms have a lot of the children's artwork displayed.

Tammie was present and she assisted with today's visit. There were two classes in session today. Devoted Ducks (3's) had fifteen children present. Two teachers were working with this class. God's Goldfish (3's) had fifteen children present. Two teachers were working in this classroom. Children were observed during a variety of activities. Children were doing table activities and playing in interest centers. Craft activities, science, math and playdough activities was set out on tables. Staff assisted children throughout the visit. Interactions between the staff and children were positive.

The center has a fenced in playground. There are two climbing structures. There is rubber mulch for surfacing material. There is also concrete areas on the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides snack. Snacks served are compliant with CACFP guidelines.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Some teachers have been employed at the preschool for several years. The center's classrooms are well supplied with many learning and play supplies and centers for children's use. The preschool has a playground for outdoor play activities.

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

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
Two staff didn't complete required professional development training hours last year

109.9(2)a: All files contain sufficient information to allow the center to contact the parent or emergency contact at any time child is in center's care.
One file missing dental information

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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