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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Westminster Preschool

Provider No.: 27278

Address: 4114 Allison Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50310

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kalee Dykhouse

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

Phone Number: 5152741534

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HHS Visit Date: 03/10/2026

Licensing Period: 03/01/2025 to 03/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/09/2025

Comments: Fire inspections due at least every three years; completedby Des Moines Fire Dept (FF E. Jacobson)

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			96		96
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced full licensing visit was completed 3/10/26. Director Kalee Dykhouse was present for the entire visit.

Westminster Preschool has been in operation since 1989. The center currently provides child care and preschool programming to children between the ages of two through five years of age. As of December of 2020, Kalee Dykhouse has been the director. Kalee has a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and was a prior On-Site Supervisor as another preschool in the metro area. Kalee meets qualifications to be the Director.

The center offers part time and full day classes. A wrap around classroom offers full day care to children age infant to Five years. The four year old classroom is partnered with the public school and preschool is offered for 4 year old children with a morning session of 8:40 - 11:30 am or a PM session of 12:25 pm to 3:15 pm M-Th. The three year old session is from 8:30 am to 11:30 am M-F. The two year old classroom is offered 8:30: am to 11:30 am for a T-Th session. A combined 2-3 year old class is offered M-W from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Warp around, full day care, is offered to all of the children who attend these classes, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

In 2019 year round care was offered for children between the age of two through five years of age, providing care to children in the summer. Two classrooms are used during the summer months. The center has received positive feedback from parents and will continue to offer summer care, making this a year round program.

The center has a Preschool Board of Directors and is a ministry of the church.

Room observations/Activities: This center uses the Creative Curriculum and Project based learning; and the pro-care

application to communicate with parents. There is a good variety of age/developmentally appropriate play centers and toys. The program uses bleach for cleaning. The center is very clean and nicely organized. The teachers were actively supervising the children, who were outdoor playing at the time of the visit except for the infants; who were preparing for lunch. The children were content. A discussion to make sure the changing table is cleaned/sanitized under the changing mat took place. The director will remind teachers.

Nutrition Practices: There is an on-site kitchen and dedicated kitchen staff. This program has menus that are already in line with CACFP (nutritional guidelines) expectations. The program offers snacks and Lunch.

Playground: They playground is enclosed and there are smaller play structures with safety surfacing.

Transportation: NA

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center offers varying times for classes and also offers full-day care.

The center has good communication with the parents.

The center participates in community activities and exposes the children to different cultures and religions.

The center offers a large cultural event in the fall for families at the church; this is a free event for all families at the center. This did not take place during the pandemic.

The center has a Facebook page and a website.

The center receives positive feedback from families.

The teachers are welcoming and work well with the families.

The center has staff participating in TEACHES/WAGES:
Child Care WAGE$® Iowa (WAGE$) is a salary supplement program offered by Iowa AEYC. WAGE$ works hand-in-hand with TEACH Early Childhood® Iowa.

TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) is a comprehensive scholarship program that provides the early childhood workforce access to educational opportunities and is helping establish a well-qualified, fairly compensated and stable workforce for our children.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

109.9(2)i--one child was in needed up an updated physical form on file. The director will have the family obtain the necessary information and place on file.

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center completed radon testing in January of 2022 and all rooms fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

The boiler was replaced in 2022.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with (director) their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The director shared observation of some increasing behavioral difficulties. Teachers and the director are in close communication regarding daily concerns and do craft alternative strategies to assist one another. Teachers are able to seek assistance from the director if they would need a break as well.

Date: 03/13/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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