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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Calvary Preschool

Provider No.: 21141

Address: 100 E James St, Walcott, IA, 52773

County: Scott

Director's Name: Charlene Knutsen

On-Site Supervisor: Leisha Huntley

Phone Number: 5632846122

E-Mail: calvarypreschool@mchsi.com

HHS Visit Date: 12/04/2025

Licensing Period: 02/01/2025 to 02/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/08/2024

Comments: Does Comply.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		9:15 AM to 11:45 AM	
Tuesday		9:15 AM to 11:45 AM	
Wednesday		9:15 AM to 2:45 PM	
Thursday		9:15 AM to 2:45 PM	
Friday		9:15 AM to 2:45 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			26		26
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at Calvary Preschool for an annual visit on 12/4/25. The center provides preschool for preschool aged children. They are open from Monday and Tuesday 9:15am-11:45am. They are open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:15am to 2:45pm. They have 27 children enrolled.

The preschool is located inside of Calvary Church of Walcott. The program uses a classroom, kitchen area, office, and storage space. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center's fire inspection was completed on 2/8/2024.

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

The director is Char Knutsen. Char started the center in 1981. She has her Child Development Associates and her National Accreditation Certificate.

The onsite supervisor is Leisha Huntley. Leisha has been with the center since 2013. She has her Child Development Associates and her National Accreditation Certificate.

Nutritional practices were checked. The preschool provides morning snack and afternoon snack. Lunch is provided by the parents. The center provides milk for lunch. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed.

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The center's curriculum is teacher created with a blend of: Creative Curriculum, Montessori, and Handwriting Without Tears. The center offers walking field trips to the library and park.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The preschool works with the Davenport School District to provide Voluntary Preschool Programming.
-The preschool has five students to one teach ratio.
-The preschool is participating in Iowa Quality for Kids. The preschool is applying for IQ4K level four.
-The preschool director has been with the preschool since 1981. The onsite supervisor has been with the center since 2013.
-Both the director and onsite supervisor have their Child Development Associates, National Accreditation Certification and are members with the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children.
-The preschool is participating in the TEACH and WAGES Program.
-The preschool partners with several outside agencies to ensure the children's/teachers success: Davenport School District, Lions Club, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Child Care Resource and Referral, and the Child Care Nurse Consultant.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(1)
Emergency medication present without parent authorization form completed and without emergency action plan.

109.11(4)b
Playground inspections not documented for 11/2024 through 5/2025 and 10/2025 and 11/2025.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Per the center director, the annual inspection of the fuel burning appliances in the building is scheduled for 12/15/25.

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

Date: 12/08/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.