Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Children Of Christ Preschool

Provider No.: 28369

Address: 600 1st Ave N, Altoona, IA, 50009

County: Polk

Director's Name: Judy Kligopoulos

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5159673349

E-Mail: childrenofchristpreschool@gmail.com

HHS Visit Date: 02/17/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2026 to 02/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 01/23/2024

Comments: 2/23/24 - date of compliance

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		8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	
Tuesday		8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	
Wednesday		8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	
Thursday		8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	
Friday		8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	
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			22		22
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Children of Christ Preschool has been in operation since 1988. The preschool is located within the Christ the King Lutheran Church. The center is operated under the church. The center has it's own secured entrance. Children ages three to five are served at the preschool. The preschool has added a two year old class also that meets one morning a week. The majority of programming takes place in a single, spacious classroom. The center also has the use of the church's fellowship hall, which is used for large motor play activities. Judy Kligopoulos is the director. Judy started working at the preschool in August 2023. Judy has worked in the child care field for many years prior to coming to the preschool.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the preschool's entrance. Current lesson plans were available. A February newsletter was also available. There are well supplied interest centers set up throughout the classroom. Children's belongings are kept on individual hooks in the entrance hallway.

Judy was present and assisted with today's visit. There was a second staff working also. Sixteen children were present today. The group today was a mix of children ages three through five years. Children were observed during snack, during circle time, outdoors on the playground and during individual reading time. Staff were actively engaged with the children throughout the visit.

The center serves snack during programming. The center provides snacks. Snack served today was apple sauce, animal crackers and water. Menus reviews showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The center has a fenced playground. There is fencing in place around the playground. There is one climbing structure. There

is pea gravel for surfacing. The center completed monthly playground checklists.

The center doesn't provide transportation. The center has parents provide transportation for their own children for any off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The church is very supportive of this preschool. The church provides financial support to the preschool. The preschool has a secured entrance. The preschool has well supplied learning centers.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
One staff was overdue for SING check. The new staff's SING check was not readily available so director was going to redo the check.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
One staff's First Aid/CPR certification was expired but was enrolled for a class in March.

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

NA

5. 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 melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) 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.

*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.

Date: 02/19/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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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**.