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

Name of Center: SHARE Preschool **Enrollment:** 55 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18080

Street: 1115 S 8th Ave E **City:** Newton Iowa **Zip** 50208 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: 1115 S 8th Ave E, Newton, IA, 50208

Director's Name: Carrie Hook **Phone Number:** 641-792-8639

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** sharepreschoolnewton@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-12-2024

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:** 12-02-2024

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

Date Inspected: 11-14-2024

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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			30		30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2024 to 12-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 11-13-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

SHARE Preschool has been in operation since 1980, providing programming for children ranging from three through five years of age. This preschool is located in a single room on the lower level of the McCann Center. The church has secured entrances. Carrie Hook is the director. Carrie started as director in the fall of 2023. She has a BA in Early Childhood Education/Special Education. Carrie has experience in child care and teaching prior to coming to the preschool.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place by the center's entrance. The lesson plan, Food, was posted. Class schedules are posted. The classroom is well supplied with labeled interest centers: fine motor, pretend, STEM, blocks, healthy kids, sensory table, art, reading writing, music. Children's belongings are kept on individual hooks and cubbies. Children's art work is displayed on walls in the classroom.

Carrie assisted with today's visit. There were two additional staff working. Twenty one children (four and five year old children) were present today. Children were observed during staff led, group time. Children also had outdoor play time today.

The center serves a snack during sessions. Several snacks being served were not in compliance with CACFP guidelines. Information has been sent to the center regarding CACFP.

The center has a playground that has fencing. There is pea gravel, grass areas and pavement for surfacing.

The center rents a school bus for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The preschool participates in IQ4K and has a level one rating. The preschool has an outdoor playground as well as a space indoors for large motor play activities. The classroom has many well developed learning centers.

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.
The center is using the Playground app. The center needs to ensure all children's files have an emergency to treat form as they don't have this form in the Playground app.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking. Several snacks being provided weren't in compliance with CACFP standards.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

The center has a radon mitigation system. The center's recent radon testing results done in July 2024 were higher than the acceptable amount in one room. This needs to be addressed immediately. If the mitigation system isn't working correctly, this is a major health and safety risk.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone (515)725-362-7823: email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we can 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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