

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

Name of Center: Unity Ridge Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 23 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6319

Street: 1004 1st Ave S **City:** Denison **Iowa** **Zip** 51442 **County:** Crawford

Mailing Address: 1004 1st Ave S, Denison, IA, 51442

Director's Name: Brenda Trunkhill **Phone Number:** 712-393-2002

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** brenda.trunkhill@ziondenison.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-13-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 08-02-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 04-01-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Zion Lutheran Preschool on 3-11-2024. The preschool is located in Zion Lutheran Church in Denison Iowa. Brenda Trunkhill became the director in August 2020. Brenda has her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education/Early Childhood. 23 children enrolled. I met with Brenda during my licensing visit. Preschool services are offered to children three years to five years old.

Observation of room:

The room looks nice and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment, the toys are rotated frequently. Seven children were in attendance on the day of my licensing visit. The children were having fun playing. Brenda had excellent interactions with the children, she was positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The program uses Creative Curriculum and a religious curriculum, the theme was simple machines. Brenda develops the lesson plans/activities. Brenda provides a newsletter with updates and pictures on the Remind app.

Nutrition:

The children provide the daily snack. A list of nutritious food options is given to the parents.

Health and safety:

If you have fuel burning appliances i.e. furnace you will need an annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection is needed. Schools usually send me a current/annual boiler inspection. You will need to find out if your building has fuel burning appliances.

Monthly fire and tornado were documented.

Radon testing was done in August 2022 and the score was 0.7 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every two years.

Playground:

The center has a playground that is located in back of the school/church. It is fenced and has some playground equipment. Refer to your Public Playground Safety Handbook for information on surfacing, equipment, fall zones etc.

Monthly playground inspections were completed. A copy of the new playground safety inspection was emailed to Brenda.

Transportation:

The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:

Child files were reviewed and were in good order.

Staff files were reviewed and needed current record checks. Corrected - Brenda sent me an email on 3-26-2024 with the current criminal record checks for four staff, and a current national record check for one staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Brenda began working at the center in August 2020. She is enthusiastic and proud of the program. Brenda had excellent interactions with the children.

The center will apply for IQ4K.

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

CORRECTED -109.6(6)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.

Corrected - 109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.

Brenda sent me an email on 3-26-2024 with the current criminal record checks for four staff, and a current national record check for one staff.

109.11(7)c All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034. If you have fuel burning appliances i.e. furnace you will need an annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection is needed. Schools usually send me a current/annual boiler inspection. You will need to find out if your building has fuel burning appliances.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 4-1-2024 to 4-1-2026.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*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.