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

Name of Center: Children Of Christ Preschool **Enrollment:** 20 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28369

Street: 600 1st Ave N **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

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

Director's Name: Judy Kligopoulos **Phone Number:** 515-967-3349

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

Date(s) of Visit: 02-19-2024

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:** 12-29-2023

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

Date Inspected: 01-23-2024

Comments : 2/23/24 - date of compliance

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.) X 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			22		22
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 02-20-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

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 uses an entrance on the back side of the church, which is close to the classroom. 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. The schedule and lesson plan are also posted at the entrance. There is also a monthly newsletter available. There are well supplied interest centers set up throughout the classroom. Children's belongings are kept on individual hooks in the entrance. Judy was present and assisted with today's visit. One additional staff was working today. There were six children present today. Today's class has children ages three to five years.

The center serves snack during programming. The center provides snacks. Menus reviews showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The center has a fenced 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.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

Number not in compliance: 1

V. 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 mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) 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.

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