

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

Name of Center: Great Beginnings Preschool **Enrollment:** 12 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 21172

Street: 517 Second St **City:** Columbus Junction Iowa **Zip:** 52738 **County:** Louisa

Mailing Address: 517 Second St, Columbus Junction, IA, 52738

Director's Name: Elizabeth Hills **Phone Number:** 319-728-2669

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** bhills@iowatelecom.net

Date(s) of Visit: 10-15-2020

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** No NA **Date Signed:** 12-02-2019

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

Date Inspected: 07-20-2020

Comments : Does Comply.

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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>
Sunday			
Monday		8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Tuesday		8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Wednesday		8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Thursday		8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Friday			
Saturday			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			40		40
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 01-01-2020 to 01-01-2022
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 10-15-2020

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The center's annual visit was completed during the coronavirus pandemic. The center director and DHS worker reviewed IDPH and DHS recommendations for centers to plan, prepare, and respond to coronavirus disease. The center is following all guidelines put forth by the IPDH and DHS regarding the coronavirus.

I arrived at Great Beginnings Preschool for an annual visit on 10/15/2020. All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

The director is Elizabeth Hills. Elizabeth has a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. The director started in 8/2004.

The center is a nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center is operated inside of United Methodist Church. The center utilizes two classrooms. They accept preschool aged children. The center is open from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Monday thru Thursday.

The center fire inspection was completed on 7/20/2020.

The center's curriculum is teacher created. Field trips include: parks, library, bakery, post office, bank and Econo Mart.

The center provides a snack. The center prepares/cooks snacks/meals in the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

- Beth Hills has been with the program since 8/2004.
- Beth Hills is a licensed teacher.
- Beth also completed her English as a Second Language Endorsement.
- The classroom has a wide variety of educational and engaging toys.
- The center has a lot of diversity and the teachers do an amazing job of working with children whose first language may not be English.

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

- 109.9(1)b: All files contain: Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.
- Two staff files needed current Iowa record checks.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

I encourage you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: <https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

I encourage you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

*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.