

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

**Name of Center:** Great Beginnings Preschool **Enrollment:** 13 **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:** 02-13-2018

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:** 02-28-2018

**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

<b>HOURS:</b>	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
<b>LICENSE CAPACITY</b>	<b>Infants</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>Preschool</b>	<b>School-Age</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
General			40		40
Summer					0

**QRS Rating:**   N/A

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 01-01-2018 to 01-01-2020
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCAION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 02-26-2018

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

N/A

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Great Beginnings Preschool is located inside of United Methodist Church. The center currently provides child care to 13 children.

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

An approved fire marshal inspection was completed on 2/28/18 by the State fire department.

On 2/13/18 all program space was observed. The center was in ratio.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

- The director has been with the program since 8/2004.
- The center is Quality Rating Scale Level 4 until 9/1/18.
- The center staff and children utilize excellent manners.
- Strong/consistent transitions offer the children an amazing routine.
- A teacher is bilingual which greatly benefits the children they serve.
- The center offers a wide variety of active learning which is engaging to the children.

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

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.

-2 staff needed current National FBI checks.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.

-Number invalid: 2

**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.

Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (563-

263-9302 or hbrown@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.

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.

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: <http://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: [http://www.iowaccrr.org/who\\_we\\_are/region\\_5/](http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5/)

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