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

**Name of Center:** Good Shepherd Christian Preschool **Enrollment:** 22 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6912

**Street:** 501 Elliott St **City:** Stanton Iowa **Zip** 51573 **County:** Montgomery

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 87, Stanton, IA, 51573

**Director's Name:** Marcia Lantz **Phone Number:** 712-829-2421

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

**Date(s) of Visit:** 10-30-2023

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:** 08-30-2023

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | | | 20 | | 20 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-01-2023

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

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

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Good Shepherd Christian Preschool on 10-30-2023. The preschool is under the ownership of the Mamreland Lutheran Church in Stanton Iowa and the center works in conjunction with the Stanton Elementary School. The preschool moved into the community center called the Viking Center on June 18, 2014. The Viking Center is connected to the school.
Marcia Lantz became the director in August 2022, Emily Pierson is the assistant teacher. Marcia has her masters degree in elementary education and is working on her early childhood endorsement. Morning and afternoon preschool services are provided to 4/5 year old children, the program participates in the voluntary grant program for four year olds. There are 22 children enrolled. I met with Marcia and Emily during my licensing visit.

Observation of room:
The center is bright and cheerful and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There were eleven children and two staff present. The children were having fun playing, having circle time, Marcia read the children a book and during snack time. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and encouraging. Marcia develops excellent lesson plans/activities.

Nutrition:
Parents provide a nutritious snack. Menus were posted.
Proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:
The monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing was done in May 2023 and the test score was 0.4 pCi/L.

Playground:
The center has a fenced playground that is located down the hill from the center. They have a shed for their outdoor toys/equipment, mulch is used for surfacing. They have scooters, tricycles and helmets. A side walk and concrete slab for basketball will be installed.
Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide daily transportation services. The Trolley and the Stanton Child Resource Center provides transportation to some of the children.

Administrative records:
Child files were read, one file needed emergency contact information for the doctor and the dentist - doctor and dentist names and phone numbers are required - make sure all files have this information.
Marcia and Emily's staff files were read - both need the staff physical on the required DHHS staff physical form.

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

Good Shepherd Christian Preschool is a wonderful resource for the community. The preschool has provided a quality program for over twenty years and has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of children and families, that is a wonderful accomplishment. The program collaborates with the school to provide the four year old grant preschool services.

Marcia Lantz is enthusiastic and proud of the center. She is very organized, both Marcia and Emily were very helpful during my visit.
The center has received grants for equipment and supplies.

**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: 2
Marcia and Emily's staff files were read - both need the staff physical on the required DHHS staff physical form. Please have this corrected as soon as possible.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for Good Shepherd Christian Preschool for 10-1-22 to 10-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 10-30-2023.

*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.