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

Name of Center: Kingdom Kids Preschool-Sheldon Christian School **Enrollment:** 10 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 45819

Street: 1425 E 9th St **City:** Sheldon Iowa **Zip** 51201 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: 1425 E 9th St, Sheldon, IA, 51201

Director's Name: Brooke Granstra **Phone Number:** 712-324-2429

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** bgranstra@sheldonchristianschool.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-24-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 09-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-14-2021

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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			18		18
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-08-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 10-24-23 and spoke with Brooke Granstra, director. Ms. Granstra has an elementary education degree and 6 years of experience working with children. Kingdom Kids Preschool is housed at the Sheldon Christian School. They utilize a room on the first floor. The school had completed an addition and added the preschool room in 2020. The preschool program is for 4 year olds and operates Monday through Thursday 8:20am to 11:30am during the school year.

There are 10 children enrolled in the program. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their families. The center has been cleaning toys daily that children use. Children have access to bathroom in the room. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

There are a sufficient number of toys, books and equipment for the number of children in the program. Toys and equipment is at the children's level and accessible. Daily schedule of activities was posted. In observing the program it appears that the staff offer a positive and nurturing environment. The center uses a creative, handwriting without tears and Christ-centered curriculum. Displayed throughout the room were shapes, colors, numbers, children's artwork and alphabet. The program is appropriate for preschool children. The facility appears well maintained. Staff had a purse where children had access to and needs to be kept out of reach of children and free of safety hazards. The program is apart of the universal preschool program.

Parents are responsible for bringing snacks. Snacks are nutritious and meet the CACFP guidelines. For any child that needs meds their needs to be a medical plan. Radon has been completed and within normal range. Center is all electric so furnace inspection is not needed.

The center has good hand washing procedures for staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient for minor injuries. Center has a working carbon monoxide detector. Center follows good sanitizing procedures. Fire/tornado drills are documented monthly, A playground area is located next to the school. The program has put in a new preschool playground new playground equipment and a new fenced in area. Pea gravel is used for surfacing around the equipment. Sheldon Christian School maintains the playground. There are play equipment that is not age appropriate for the preschoolers which they don't allow the children to play on. Shade is available on the playground. Sheldon Community School bus transports preschool children. The center does go on field trips and utilizes volunteers to help transport.

Goals of the program is to explore resources with AEA for the children they serve with now being on the universal preschool program. Also to get onto the IQ4K program which took the place of the QRS program.

Strengths of the program is good relationship with children and their families. The program provides a quality preschool education that is Christ based.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter each week to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Center is well organized

Display children’s art work in the room.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(3)b: For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended to update the programs emergency preparedness policies.

Program will email consultant by 11-30-23 confirming that those aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.