

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

Name of Center: Little Angels Preschool **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46301

Street: 2005 College Place **City:** Harlan **Iowa** **Zip** 51537 **County:** Shelby

Mailing Address: 2005 College Place, Harlan, IA, 51537

Director's Name: Ann Andersen **Phone Number:** 712-755-5634

On-Site Supervisor(s): Joy Peterson **E-Mail:** aanderse@shelcocath.pvt.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit:

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** X **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: 12-28-2020

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **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: Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 12-01-2021 to 12-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 04-04-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off licensing visit was made to Little Angels Preschool on 11-22-2021 (The center became licensed on 9-1-2015). Little Angels Preschool is located in the Shelby County Catholic Elementary School at 2005 College Place, Harlan IA 51537. Ann Andersen is the Principal of the school and is the director of the preschool. Ann has her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She has been employed at the Shelby County Catholic School for more than twenty years. Joy Peterson is the preschool teacher and the on-site supervisor. She has her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Joy has been employed at the Shelby County Catholic School for over twenty years. Preschool sessions are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are 16 children enrolled.

Observation of room:

The preschool room looked great and has a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The restrooms are located in the hall.

The children were having in circle time and playing. Staff had excellent interactions with the children.

The lesson plans/activities looked good. Fun, educational hands on learning experiences are offered each day. The center uses a few curriculums including Creative Curriculum Gold. They are using a new social emotional tool they are using called "Show me how you feel chart".

The center participates in a school program called Wild Cats - the preschool children get together with children in other grades is the school for activities and the children love this.

The center has visitors - the librarian, Shelby County Conservation and the Deacon.

Nutrition:

The children eat lunch at the school and have daily snacks, breakfast is option for purchase. The menus were posted. Make sure the snacks meet the CACFP food guidelines.

Health and safety:

The program follows the medication management procedures and uses the medication log, no children were prescribed medication. The first aid kit was properly stocked. Radon testing will be done in November 2022, please email me a copy of your radon test result. The last radon documentation is from February 2020 with a test result of 0.8 pCi/L. The school installed a radon mitigation system in November 2019.

Ann reported that the school has electric appliances.

Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.

The kitchen staff mixes the bleach/water for the preschool room each day.

Playground:

An outdoor playground area is utilized, pea gravel is used for surfacing.

Monthly playground inspections were documented.

Transportation:

The preschool doesn't provide transportation services. School bus transportation is provided by the Harlan Public School to some children in surrounding towns. The program has some walking field trips.

Administrative records:

Staff files were reviewed with Ann and were in excellent order. Make sure all staff meet the annual training requirement.

One staff was due for the national record check.

Ann meets with staff on a regular basis.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Little Angels Preschool is a quality preschool program and a wonderful resource for the community. The staff have excellent interactions with the children. Ann and Joy are confident as the director and on-site supervisor.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 12-1-2021 to 12-1-2023.

Off year licensing visit 11-14-2022.

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Administrative change- Increase capacity to 20 preschool age children. 4-4-2023.

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