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

Name of Center: Good Shepherd Christian Preschool **Enrollment:** 25 **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: 09-17-2024

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*

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 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 09-24-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Good Shepherd Christian Preschool on 9-17-2024. 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 - 8:15 am - 11:15 and afternoon 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm preschool services are provided to 4/5 year old children, the program participates in the voluntary grant program for four year olds (No preschool programming on Wednesdays). There are 25 children enrolled. I met with Marcia during my licensing visit.

Observation of room:
The center looks great, it is bright and cheerful and has a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There were twelve children and two staff present. The children were having fun playing and having their snack. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Marcia develops excellent lesson plans/activities, the theme was water and they were learning about the ocean this week.
The children have a question of the day.
The center provides a monthly newsletter.

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 August 2024 and the test score was 4.2 pCi/L. Retesting was done and Marcia is waiting for the test results. Refer to your Child Care Policies and Procedures handbook for information regarding radon testing as the rules have been updated.

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 there is a concrete slab for basketball.
Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide daily transportation services - parents provide transportation and many children receive transportation services to Stanton Child Resource Center.

Administrative records:
Child files were read and were in good order.
Marcia and Emily's staff files were read and were in good order.

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 and Emily are enthusiastic and proud of the center, they are always very helpful during my visits. Marcia is very organized.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Good Shepherd Christian Preschool for 10-1-24 to 10-1-2026.

*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.