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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare

Provider No.: 25069

Address: 2424 42nd St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52402

County: Linn

Director's Name: Dawn Dupont

On-Site Supervisor: Dawn Dupont

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HHS Visit Date: 10/01/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2024 to 11/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/05/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		12	41	78	131
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Lovely Lane United Methodist Church Children's Weekday Ministries operates the following two licensed childcare programs in the community: Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare and Trinity Lane Preschool. These two childcare and preschool programs have been in operation for several years. Specifically, this monitoring report pertains to Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare which continues to be located inside Lovely Lane United Methodist Church. Lovely Lane Preschool and Dacyare remains governed by an advisory board of directors which includes members from Lovely Lane United Methodist Church.

Multi-site director of the Lovely Lane United Methodist Church Children's Weekday Ministries is Dawn Dupont. Ms. Dupont has been the multi-site director since March 2020. Ms. Dupont has a BA in business/marketing, a plethora of experience working with children, and participates in annual professional development. Ms. Dupont also acts as the combined director/on-site supervisor specifically for Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare.

On 10/1/2025, building, grounds and program space were observed to all be in good repair. This license includes a school-age component, early preschool program, 3yo preschool program, and 4yo preschool program that is in partnership with the Cedar Rapids Community School District's statewide voluntary preschool program. Since the last review, this program also added a childcare component for preschool age children. On the day of this monitoring visit, children and families were observed being warmly greeted by staff. Rooms were found to be inviting and arranged to encourage learning. Evidence of previous days' curriculum was nicely displayed throughout the program space and included "muddy pigs" and corn collages. Curriculum on the day of the monitoring visit allowed for a variety of play experiences (e.g. games, home living play, stencils, fall puzzles, book reading, block building, skilled craft work) that were interesting, peaked child interest and encouraged positive responses as well as interactions. One noteworthy clever play experience was found to be the 4yo

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preschool room's pumpkin patch with dramatic play options encouraging dress-up and shopping for pumpkin goods. On 10/2/2025, staff were observed to be in ratio and actively engaged with the children in activities that included snack rituals, group circle events, enter play experiences, outdoor play and routine transitions. Children appeared comfortable with staff and to be truly enjoying their day.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare's vision "...is to be a diverse church where faithful disciplines of Jesus Christ grow in spirit and nurture one another and respond to human need...believe that children learn best through exploration in their environment..."

Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare has the following website for families and persons in the community learn more about their programs: https://www.lovelylane.org/childrens-weekday-ministries/. The program also sponsors a private social media.

Ms. Dupont is invested in the community, has been a mentor to other programs and has helped connect families and children with various community resources and events. Ms. Dupont continues to have a system of organization in place to help ensure administrative items are completed and maintained in a secure manner. Ms. Dupont remains knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as their own program's policies and procedures. On 10/2/2025, Ms. Dupont discussed having a seasoned, reliable team of staff who support one another as well as their enrolled children and families. Staff throughout the classrooms reported celebrating 18 years, 10 years, and 2 years with this program.

As of 9/30/2025, Lovely Lane was again found to be maintaining the required postings, maintaining parent-staff-program information centers, utilizing technological communication resources, and offering family programming activities. The program's primary curriculum is Creative Curriculum incorporating on-site guest speakers, enrichment experiences and teacher inspired ideas. These events have included visits from the library (e.g. Cargill Cares), Kids Sight, Orchestra Iowa Symphony experiences, seasonal events (e.g. a local farm trip, Apple Orchard trip), sports skills work, and music/dance group.

Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare and Trinity Lane Preschool continue to have and update as needed policies and procedures that include those for safety, daily health checks, hand washing, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting. On the day of this monitoring visit, Lovely Land Preschool and Daycare staff discussed how they help ensure the children's space is sanitary and hazard free each day by following their current policies and procedures as well as maintaining checklists for cleaning and maintenance. Staff also talked about having continued supports from their board and Lovely Lane United Methodist Church administration as to daily building and grounds conditions and repairs.

Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare and Trinity Lane Preschool have emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. These programs have successfully navigated through flooding events (2008 historic Linn County flood), 2019 winter Polar Vortex, 2019 health (covid-19) pandemic, 8/10/20 Derecho Storm, 2021 food supply issues, 2022 infant formula shortages, air quality alerts (2023, 2025), repeated relocation events, and repeated technology outages (7/19/24 global technology outage, 10/10/2025 AWS outage, 10/29/2025 Microsoft outage).

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

Not applicable.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Licensing strongly supports adding a designated restroom with hand washing sinks to the newly established preschool childcare room. Capacity requires 1 toilet and hand washing sink per 15 children which could impact the program's ability to further expand enrollment and/or programming.

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Secure any tall shelving to decrease child injuries and/or vulnerabilities (e.g. 4yo preschool room tall wooden shelf).

The program's license remains in full status. Thank you for the visit.

Date: 10/30/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.