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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Wakonda Preschool

Provider No.: 28377

Address: 3938 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

County: Polk

Director's Name: Amina Sabic

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5152858401

E-Mail: wakondapreschool@gmail.com

HHS Visit Date: 02/04/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2025 to 02/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/01/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:30 AM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		7:30 AM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		7:30 AM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		7:30 AM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		7:30 AM to 5:30 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			100		100
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

The Wakonda Preschool program opened in 1989. The preschool uses a section of the Wakonda Christian Church. The preschool is owned and operated by the church. Parents use a secured entrance that is close to the preschool area. Programming is offered for children ages two through five years. The center offers preschool programming and child care. The center is using three classrooms, a multipurpose room and an outdoor playground. Amina Sabic is the director. She started at the preschool in August 2025.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. The center uses Bright Wheel for communication with parents, attendance, etc. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted in the hallway. Each classrooms is supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning materials.

Amina assisted with today's visit. There was one additional staff working today. There were three children in the 2's class at the beginning of the visit. Two of these children left at the end of morning programming. There were nine children in the 3/4's class. Two of these children left at the end of morning programming. The children were combined in one class today, which was a ratio violation. Amina said the classrooms were having plumbing issues and they were having to move the children around today. Amina said it was easier to have the children in one group because of this. This worker observed a few people working in classrooms. After lunch, Amina asked about naptime, said she has only one two year old who stays for afternoon programming and that child has been with the older group. This worker said that is a ratio violation and that two year old needs to stay separate as long as there are four year old children in attendance.

The center serves morning snack and afternoon snack. Children who attend all day programming bring their own lunches.

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Parents are given information about CACFP requirements for their children's lunches. Parents provide snack for the preschool. The center has food to supplement when needed. There were a few children today that didn't have lunches with all required food groups. This worker prompted staff to offer the children additional food groups and explained that this was a requirement if they were going to continue having children bring their own lunches. Amina asked what the requirements were for lunches and this worker showed and reviewed lunch requirements for Amina. This is a concern and will be reviewed at the next visit.

The center's playground has fencing. There is rubber mulch for fall surfacing material. The center completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center participates in IQ4K. The church is very supportive of the center. The center has a locked entrance. The children are afforded large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the playground and multipurpose room.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.8(2) Ratio maintained in center as required: The center has not been following ratio requirements and has combined a two year old with four year old children during afternoon programming.

109.10(13)b Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
The center didn't do emergency drills in January 2026. This worker communicated that those drills needed to be made up in February.

109.7(1)
All staff (within first three months of employment):
Iowa’s training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse.
At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions.
Certification in First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.
Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.
Minimum health and safety trainings, (Essentials) approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
The center has used subs that don't have trainings current. The subs have state and federal record checks completed but are not current in any mandatory trainings. The requirement for subs was reviewed with Amina and Kris Fitzgerald, the church staff who contacts subs for the preschool.

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

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NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

Date: 02/20/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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