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

**Name of Center:** Faith's Flock Preschool **Enrollment:** 39 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28419

**Street:** 602 S 14th St **City:** Adel Iowa **Zip** 50003 **County:** Dallas

**Mailing Address:** 602 S 14th St, Adel, IA, 50003

**Director's Name:** Kylee Henderson **Phone Number:** 515-993-3848

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** N/A **E-Mail:** preschool@faithadel.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 10-19-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 10-11-2023

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

**Date Inspected:** 09-09-2022

**Comments :** State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

**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.) X 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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 24 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 1

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Nate Knepper **Date:** 10-19-2023

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

N/A.

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

A licensing visit was conducted on 10/19/23. The director was present throughout the visit as was the assistant teacher.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Faith's Flock Preschool is located in the Faith Lutheran Church in Adel, IA. The preschool offers classes for children ages two through five years of age during the school year. There are AM and PM classes Monday - Thursday and morning only classes on Fridays.

The preschool is owned by the church. There is a Preschool Advisory Board who provides additional consultation. The preschool utilizes a combination of the Creative Learning Curriculum and another curriculum called Beginner's Bible. The director as of 6/14/18 is Kylee Henderson. Kylee has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development. Kylee has past experience working with children in the school setting, child care center setting, and in-home setting .

There is one large classroom and then a kitchenette area within the classroom where children eat snacks. There are two restrooms just outside the classroom. Each restroom has a sink and a toilet.

During the visit, children were engaged in a large group activity (show and tell) where each child brought a toy that was important to them and then showed their friends. After this activity, the "goodbye song" was song and children were dismissed to their parents who were waiting in the lobby/hallway just outside the classroom.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The program has a preschool advisory board made up of parents of children who attend the program, church members, and staff.

A professional cleaning service cleans the classroom two nights a week.

The preschool has been in operation since 1982 and meets a need in the community. Enrollment remains steady. The program has added a two-year old class this school year.

The preschool has their own website that contains other/specific information about the program.

A monthly newsletter is sent out to parents. There are also two parent-teacher conferences a year.

There is a secure entrance into the program.

The director has past child care experience and is organized. The director also works regularly with CCR&R and the center nurse consultant.

Good child/staff dialogue was again observed and overheard during the visit.

The playground is large and very spacious.

The center has good community partnerships.

The program participates in IQ4K and has an IQ4K rating. IQ4K is based on best practice and is a voluntary program.

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

109.10(15)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. December 2022 fire drills were not documented. The rest of 2022 was documented as were 2023 drills (fire and tornado).

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Radon testing is due every two years and was last conducted 8/25/23 - 8/29/23. The classroom came back with a radon level below the 4.0 cutoff. Because the level was below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, the level in the classroom comes back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The furnace is inspected two times a year. The next service was actually scheduled for today, 10/19/23. There is a built in carbon monoxide detector.

For transportation/field trips, the center will walk to different agencies if able. For field trips not within walking distance, the center partners with ADM School.

I-Power was discussed at the visit.

The program needs a new out of town relocation place for their Emergency Preparedness plan. Some suggestions were provided.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.