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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: SHARE Preschool

Provider No.: 18080

Address: 1115 S 8th Ave E, Newton, IA, 50208

County: Jasper

Director's Name: Carrie Hook

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 6417928639

E-Mail: sharepreschoolnewton@gmail.com

HHS Visit Date: 09/22/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/14/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 3

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Tuesday		9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Wednesday		9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Thursday		9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Friday		9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			30		30
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

SHARE Preschool has been in operation since 1980, providing programming for children ranging from three through five years of age. This preschool is located in a single room on the lower level of the McCann Center. The church has secured entrances. Carrie Hook is the director. Carrie started as director in the fall of 2023. She has a BA in Early Childhood Education/Special Education. Carrie has experience in child care and teaching prior to coming to the preschool.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place by the center's entrance. The lesson plan, All Things Fall, was posted. Class schedules are posted. The classroom is well supplied with labeled interest centers: fine motor, pretend, STEM, blocks, healthy kids, sensory table, art, reading writing, music. Children's belongings are kept on individual hooks and cubbies. Children's art work is displayed on walls in the classroom.

Carrie assisted with today's visit. There were two additional staff working. There were ten children present. Children were observed during child directed play and learning activities, during circle learning time and during snack. This week the letter focus is F so children discussed words and sang songs related to the letter F. Interactions between staff and children were observed to be positive throughout the visit.

The center serves a snack during sessions. The snack menu was reviewed and showed compliance with CACFP requirements. A child brought birthday treats today so snack was cupcakes, blueberries and water.

The center has a playground that has fencing. There is pea gravel, grass areas and pavement for surfacing.

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The center rents a school bus for off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The preschool participates in IQ4K and has a three star rating. The preschool has an outdoor playground as well as a space indoors for large motor play activities. The classroom has many well developed learning centers.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

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

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)725-362-7823: email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we can 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: 09/26/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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