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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Saint Rose 3 Year Old Preschool

Provider No.: 51614

Address: 109 South 11th Street, Denison, IA, 51442

County: Crawford

Director's Name: Wendie Cadwell

On-Site Supervisor: Daniela Oropeza

Phone Number: 7122634026

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HHS Visit Date: 11/25/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/17/2021

Comments: Fire inspections are due every three years. Please get me a current fire inspection.

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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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			16		16
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Saint Rose 3 Year Old Preschool on 11/25/25. The center opened in September 2021. They previously operated under the Department of Education. Preschool services are offered to children on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:15 AM to 11:45 AM during the school year. The preschool is located across the parking lot from the St. Rose School. Wendie Cadwell is the director and Daniela Oropeza is the lead teacher. They have worked at the center/school for several years. I met with Daniela Oropeza and Wendie Cadwell during my visit. There are 12 children enrolled.

Observation of room:
Upon entering the center, I observed a large knife on the kitchen counter. I immediately brought it to Daniela's attention and she put it in a drawer. I asked her to get a childproof lock on the drawer. The program room looked nice. There were a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. They have a smart board. Equipment is rotated four times a year. Daniela reported they began using a new curriculum called Ready To Advance Foundational Learning and it has a book that gives the daily lesson plans and activities. Daniela became a Para Educator. Ten children and two staff were present. The children were having fun in two small group activities. They were working on fine motor skills and having the morning lesson. They then had snack. All of the children washed their hands before snack. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Two parent teacher conferences are held each year in November and February. A home visit is done in April. A monthly newsletter is provided to parents.

Nutrition:
Parents take turns providing the daily snack. A list of nutritious food options is given to the parents. Make sure the CACFP food guidelines are followed even though your center isn't on the food program. Proper food storage was not observed. Graham crackers were not sealed properly. Please seal all food in airtight containers after opening.

Health and Safety:
The fire inspection has expired. Wendie was provided the contact information to get an updated fire inspection. Fire/tornado drills were practiced and documented monthly. Radon testing was done in July 2025 and was at 2.8 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every five years if it is below 4.0 pCi/L. The annual fuel burning inspection has been completed. Make sure you follow the medication management procedures. All staff have the medication management training. The center has their emergency procedures.

Playground:
The center has a playground/outdoor play area. Daniela reported they do monthly inspections, but she was unable to locate the documentation.

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Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative Records:
Three children's files were reviewed and were in excellent order. Two staff files were reviewed and both were missing the national background checks. National record checks are due every four years. Please complete all necessary background checks immediately. The center has their parent/staff handbooks. Wendie Cadwell meets with staff on a regular basis. The center uses Seesaw to communicate with parents.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Saint Rose 3 Year Old Preschool is a wonderful resource for the community. Wendie and Daniela have many years of experience working in preschool field. Daniela is enthusiastic and proud of the program. Before the center was licensed they operated under the Department of Education for many years. Daniela became a Para Educator. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. The room looks nice and you have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The center is IQ4K Level 1. Wendie identified their strengths as the center feels homey and the kids feel at home, there is natural lighting in the center, and there is good communication with parents. One goal for the center is to get the fall surfacing for their outdoor equipment. They have obtained the outdoor equipment, but it needs fall surfacing. They are applying for grants for the fall surfacing.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(3)a: A large kitchen knife was left on the counter. Please keep all sharp objects locked and away from children.

109.11(4)b: There was no documentation to show monthly playground inspections are being completed. They are due monthly.

109.13(5)b: Proper food storage was not observed. Graham crackers were not sealed properly. Please seal all food in airtight containers after opening.

109.6(4)d: National background checks have not been completed on all employees. Please complete both state and national record checks on all employees. State record checks are due every two years and national background checks are due every four years.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 9/1/25 to 9/1/27.

You need a new approved fire marshal inspection. Please get me a copy as soon as it is completed.

Date: 12/01/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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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**.