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

**Name of Center:** Wee Wisdom Preschool-St Paul Lutheran Church **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30263

**Street:** 310 E 2nd St **City:** Holstein Iowa **Zip** 51025 **County:** Ida

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 206, Holstein, IA, 51025

**Director's Name:** Kathy Mohr **Phone Number:** 712-368-2228

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** jim.kistenmacher@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 10-16-2024

**Licensing Visit** **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

**LICENSING VISITS**

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 09-24-2024

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

**Date Inspected:** 11-19-2021

**Comments :**

**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.) 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | 20 | | 20 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 1

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 11-01-2024 to 11-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Jana Drew **Date:** 10-18-2024

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

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

Visited center on 10-16-24 and spoke with Kathy Mohr, director. Ms Mohr has a two year degree in a non-child related field and twenty five years experience working with children. Wee Wisdom Preschool is housed in the St Paul Lutheran Church in Holstein. The preschool utilizes a Sunday school room, which appears clean and well lighted. The program serves children ages three to five years old. The program operates Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9am to 11:30am for the four and five year olds and Tuesday-Thursday 9am to 11:30am for the three year olds. The program started with the school year on 08-23-24.

There are 16 children enrolled in the program(11-3 year olds and 5-4 year olds). At the time of the visit there were 5 children present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in cleaning toys daily that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, five senses, globe of the world, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes the Creative Curriculum. The children have access to a bathroom which was remodeled a year ago. The program had also received a grant to purchase new toys and manipulatives.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Good food storage. Nutritious snacks are provided by parents each day. CACFP guidelines are followed.

Center does not administer medication. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is complete. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Annual heating inspection was complete. Radon test was just completed and and being sent in the next day. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. Center has a radon mitigation system.

Center Playground
NA

The center does not transport the children. The center will walk to various locations in town (library, etc.). At the time of the visit the children did walk to the library for reading time.

Goals of the center are to work with the 3 year old preschoolers on their social/emotional readiness. Also to work on the IQ4K level 2 program.

Strengths of the center is that they have a good relationship as well as a good reputation with the church and community. The center is a play based program. Center has a experience with working with children with behaviors. Program is Christian based. Since the program has smaller numbers director is able to work individually with the kids, example the

current 4 year olds are advanced in their learning already for the year.

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

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has parent/teacher conferences once a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on for the 4year old and 2x a year for the 3 year olds.

Center does evaluations three times a year to inform parents of their child's current basic knowledge.

Display children’s art work in the room.

IQ4K rating of one star out of five.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: Information was missing.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended to update the program's emergency prepardness policies and review annually.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.