Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Ms. Hollie's Preschool

Provider No.: 39644

Address: 1118 Timberlane Dr, Huxley, IA, 50124

County: Story

Director's Name: Hollie Allen

On-Site Supervisor: Jaryn Schaefer

Phone Number: 5152915604

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HHS Visit Date: 01/27/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/16/2024

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years; Completed by Angel Perez--State of Iowa DIAL

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	
Tuesday		8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	
Wednesday		8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	
Thursday		8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	
Friday			
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			20		20
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced visit was completed 1-27-26. The director was present for the visit.

This preschool was started in 2012 and moved to the current programming site in 2013; walk-out basement of the directors newly built home. This space was designed specifically for the preschool program. There are several windows on two sides of the room. They are able to see approaching visitors who walk down the sidewalk to get to the preschool. The pre-school has it's own secure entrance.

Hollie Allen is the owner/director. She is a licensed teacher. Her assistant is Jaryn Schaefer. They both meet the requirements for their positions.

This preschool provides the universal preschool program that is offered to four year old children through the Ballard School District. This is a school year only program. Preschool meets Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 am.

Room observations/activities: Activity centers are arranged around the large and open room. The preschool uses the Creative Curriculum and the program space is decorated with theme-based items and child projects. Programming aspects are also Christian and Nature based. There was a teacher-lead activity where the children were content and interactive also. This center is organized and very clean.

Nutrition practices: NA--not provided.

Playground: This center has an enclosed green space with natural structures and shades in a barn/farm concept. The director

does have chickens and geese that are enclosed separately from the the green space accessible by the children. There is a shade structure and natural shade available.

Transportation: NA

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Hollie has previously indicated this program offers a great preschool program because they follow the QPPS requirements which have a higher standard than DHS licensing requirements. Her students continue to test high compared to the other preschool programs.

The preschool focuses on a play based, hands on approach to learning.

Hollie and Jaryn work well together and provide a good structure for teacher lead activities for which the children were engaged and content.

The preschool continues to have strong enrollment with a wait list.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects identified that fall below standard.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The preschool last completed radon testing in January 2025 and this fell below the 4.0 cutoff. The preschool also has a mitigation system installed and testing will be required every two years to verify the mitigation system is working as intended.

A geothermal system was installed when the house was built and furnace inspections are not required.

Date: 05/04/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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