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

Name of Center: Noah's Ark Preschool **Enrollment:** 59 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30247

Street: 1425 Pleasant Court Dr **City:** Sheldon Iowa **Zip** 51201 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: 1425 Pleasant Court Dr, Sheldon, IA, 51201

Director's Name: Liesl Lidiak **Phone Number:** 712-631-0010

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** noahsark@nethtc.net

Date(s) of Visit: 02-22-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-06-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-14-2021

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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			39		39
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-23-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 2-22-24 and spoke with Liesl Lidiak, director/lead preschool teacher. She has an Elementary Education degree and twenty two years' experience working with children. Noah's Ark Preschool is located in the educational wing of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheldon. The center has one large room and 4 smaller rooms for the various small group activities. The center operates Monday through Thursday 8:15am to 11:15am for the 4 year old and 12pm to 2:45pm for the three year old children.

There are 59 children enrolled in the program. There are 25 three year olds and 34 four year olds. The program is apart of the preschool initiative program for their 4 yr olds. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in cleaning toys 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, 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, and engaging the children in activities. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes Creative curriculum and Gold Assessments. The program follows Sheldon Community School District for weather related delays or closures. The program is working on IQ4K program which took the place of QRS which expired in January 2024.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Snacks are brought by parents each day. The Center is not currently on the food program but does follow the food program guidelines for nutritious snacks. Parents are given a recommended snack list for parents that follow the food program. Good food storage practices were observed.

Center does not administer medication due to the short time the children are present at the center. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Annual heating was completed. Radon tests are complete and within normal range. Center has a radon mitigation system. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained.

The center has a large fenced-in grass covered playground next to the church. There is no permanent equipment on the playground. All toys for the playground are brought out daily by the center staff. Monthly playground inspection was complete.

The center does not transport the children. School bus transports the children for field trips and to daycare in the town. The center does 1-2 field trips per year(spring and fall).

Goals of the center is to get on the IQ4K program.

Strengths of the program is that staff are seasoned and have been there several years. This is helpful for consistency and good relationship with families and the children that they serve as well as the support of the church they are housed in. The

center is also a partner with the Preschool Initiative program with the local school district. Staff also exceed the amount of trainings that is required by licensing.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is part of the voluntary preschool initiative.

The center sends out weekly newsletters to inform parents of skills and concepts that the program is teaching the children.

The center does home visits for each child before school begins in September.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center is well organized.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Very positive interaction with the children.

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

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(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 1

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please email consultant by 03-31-24 confirming that those aspects that fall below licensing standards have been corrected.

A full license will remain in effect 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.