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

Name of Center: Jack and Jill Preschool **Enrollment:** 99 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 13191

Street: 1100 Maple St **City:** Atlantic Iowa **Zip** 50022 **County:** Cass

Mailing Address: 1100 Maple St, Atlantic, IA, 50022

Director's Name: Leslie Haynes **Phone Number:** 712-243-3934

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** lhaynes@nishnavalleyymca.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-01-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 12-15-2022

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			40		40
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
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: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 02-13-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Jack and Jill Preschool on 2-1-2024. Jack and Jill Preschool is located in the Nishna Valley YMCA in Atlantic, Iowa. Morning and afternoon preschool sessions are offered to children three to five years old. Leslie Haynes continues to be the director and has been working at the center for over twenty years. There are 99 children enrolled. I met with Leslie during the licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
The center uses two rooms for preschool programming. The rooms looked great and are arranged activity centers. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The children's fun art work is displayed. Both preschool rooms were in ratio. The children were having fun participating in a variety of activities. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The program uses a few curriculums - Teaching Strategies Gold, Handwriting Without Tears and C4 Learning. The lesson plans/activities look great.
Parent teacher conferences are held and a variety of family events are provided throughout the year.
New water tables were purchased from a grant.

Nutrition:
The children provide the snack each day, a list of nutritious food options is given to the parents. Proper food storage was observed and thermometers are in the refrigerator/freezer.

Health and safety:
The center practices and documents monthly fire/tornado drills. It was reported that the building has all electric appliances, therefore your center doesn't require an annual fuel burning inspection. Radon testing was done in June 2022 and the test scores were in the acceptable range. Radon testing will be due in June 2024. The first aid kit was properly stocked.
The center has all of their emergency procedures.

Playground:
The center has an outdoor play area. Monthly playground safety inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide daily transportation services. Some children ride the South West Iowa Transit Bus. If the center goes on a field trip a bus is hired to provide the transportation.

Administrative records:
Child files were read and were in good order.
Staff files were read and were in good order.
Leslie has staff meetings on a regular basis and she maintains daily contact with staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The preschool utilizes the gym, youth room, swimming pool and the room with the climbing structure.
Jack and Jill Preschool is a wonderful resource for the community and they provide a quality preschool program.
The program participates in the Quality Rating System level 4 and they are applying for the IQ4K program level 3. The center participates in a couple fundraising events during the year.
The center applies for grants for new equipment.

Leslie is confident as the director, she is organized, and enthusiastic.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they are positive and nurturing.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 11-1-2024 to 11-1-2026.

*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.