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

**Name of Center:** Wakonda Preschool **Enrollment:** 31 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28377

**Street:** 3938 Fleur Dr **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50321 **County:** Polk

**Mailing Address:** 3938 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

**Director's Name:** Jane Bishop **Phone Number:** 515-285-8401

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Megan Lane **E-Mail:** jane.bishop@wakondapreschool.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 01-18-2024

**Licensing Visit** X **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:** 12-08-2022

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

**Date Inspected:** 03-09-2023

**Comments :**

**LICENSE TYPE:** X **Child Care** **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.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X 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 | | | 100 | | 100 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 02-01-2021 to 02-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 01-19-2024

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

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

The Wakonda Preschool program opened in 1989. The preschool uses a section of the Wakonda Christian Church. The preschool is owned and operated by the church. Parents use a secured entrance that is close to the preschool area. Programming is offered for children ages two through school age up to 2nd grade. The center offers preschool programming and child care. The center uses four classrooms, a multipurpose room and an outdoor playground. Jane Bishop is the director. Jane started employed at the center in June 2023. Jane has many years of experience in the child care field.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. The center uses Bright Wheel for communication with parents, attendance, etc. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules are posted in the classrooms and by doorways. Classes have their lesson plans posted. Each classrooms is supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning materials. Children's artwork is displayed in the classrooms and hallways.

Jane was present and she assisted with the visit. Children in the PreK and 3's classroom were present today. There were fifteen children in attendance today. Three staff were working today. Children were observed during child directed play activities, during snack time and rest time.

The center serves morning snack and afternoon snack. Children who attend all day programming bring their own lunches. Parents are given information about CACFP requirements for their children's lunches. Parents provide snack for the preschool. The center has food to supplement for and snacks when needed.

The center's playground has fencing. There is rubber mulch for fall surfacing material. The center completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation or take off site field trips.

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

Jane has many years of experience in the child care field. The church is very supportive of the center. The center has a

locked entrance. The center is offering all day care. The children are afforded large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the playground and multipurpose room.

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

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.
Some files are missing preferred hospital and dentists.
The center is using Bright Wheel and there isn't a specific place for parents to add this information. Jane went through files and had parents add this information but missed some children's files. Recommendations were discussed on how this information would be included in all children's files.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center has a full license.

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