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

Name of Center: Miss Wendy's Preschool **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18066

Street: 118 S Main St **City:** Huxley Iowa **Zip** 50124 **County:** Story

Mailing Address: PO Box 304, Huxley, IA, 50124

Director's Name: Wendy Dubberke **Phone Number:** 515-597-3478

On-Site Supervisor(s): Larin Hermanson **E-Mail:** Wendy.dubberke@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-17-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-06-2024

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

Date Inspected: 02-21-2024

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three years.

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit 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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM		
Tuesday	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM		
Wednesday	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM		
Thursday	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM		
Friday			
Saturday			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			22		22
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2024 to 05-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 05-04-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed 4-17-24. The Director was present for the visit.

Miss Wendy's Preschool has been owned and operated by Wendy Dubberke since 1980. She has been the only director. Since 2013, the assistant director has been Wendy's daughter, Larin. Larin received her degree in Early Childhood in 2013.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Room observation/activities: Miss Wendy's has been corroborating with the school district since 2010 to provide the universal preschool program. All the preschools in Huxley participate in this partnership with the school district. Staff were in ratio; and observed to be engaged with the children, while responding in a nurturing manner. This center has a good variety of age/developmentally appropriate play centers and toys. The program uses the Creative Curriculum, as well as Haggerty and IGIDS curriculum.

Nutrition Practices: This program does not serve snack/lunch due to the programming times, children will have eaten prior to attending.

Health and Safety: emergency medications would be stored securely. Handwashing signs are posted. First aid kits are in the kitchen, which is not utilized for program activities; however is just adjacent to it for ready access. Tornado/fire emergency exit diagrams were posted. Drills were documented completed for 2023 and the director was later to provide 2024. Radon had been tested in 2023, and was under 4.0, so will not be due again until 2028. HVAC is inspected annually. Carbon monoxide detector is located in the backroom.

Playground: There is a park steps from the center that the children will occasionally use for outdoor play.

Administrative review: Fliers for mandatory reporting, handbook, consultant contact, license, fire/tornado emergency exit plans and non-smoking signs were all posted as required. Five child files were reviewed, missing only updated physicals. Two staff files were reviewed and contained the necessary information.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a well established preschool that has been in the community for many years.

Wendy feels she offers a great program that allows kids to be kids. Play time is important for the developmental growth of

children, and lots of learning takes place when children are playing.

Wendy and Larin work well together and are a good team.

The children are ready for kindergarten and the preschool receives positive feedback from the schools.

The preschool offers conferences twice a year and the preschool conducts early literacy indicators for the children.

The preschool has a Facebook page and sends out weekly newsletters to parents.

The summer sessions have been going well and has been well received by the families and children.

The program has strong enrollment.

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

109.9(2)c: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment. For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.
Number not in compliance: 3

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is now due every five years if the test is under the 4.0 cutoff. The center last completed radon testing in April of 2023 and all rooms fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

This program was observed to have good structure with nurturing staff. The children were content and able to independently play while having ready access to teachers also.

*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.