Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool

Provider No.: 28312

Address: 8301 Aurora AVE, Urbandale, IA, 50322

County: Polk

Director's Name: Heather Schmitz

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

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HHS Visit Date: 09/18/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/24/2024

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years per licensing regulations.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	8	58	0	66
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 9/18/25. The director was present throughout the visit.

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

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool is located in the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale, IA. The center serves children ages two and a half to five years in age during the school year. The center has four classrooms. Children attend Monday - Friday but times may vary based on their ages. Some children attend full-days, 9:00am - 2:30pm. The center utilizes a combination of the Creative Learning Curriculum as well as a Bible based curriculum.

The center is overseen by a Board. Heather Schmitz is the director. Heather has a Bachelor's degree and past experience working in child care.

When this consultant first arrived, many parents were picking up their children for the day. This consultant observed staff talking to parents about their children's day as the parents picked up. One classroom who attends all day was outside on the playground and that where this consultant talked to these staff and observed the children. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. The center had just completed their first fire drill of the school year earlier in the week. Classrooms are being cleaned and sanitized sufficiently on a daily basis. All classrooms were furnished nicely with similar learning stations.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

There are phones in every classroom.

The center is also involved with ITERS and ECERS. The center also participates in IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

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Parents receive a weekly newsletter from the director as well as a classroom newsletter from specific teachers. Monthly calendars are sent home to parents. The center has a website through the church website www.gloriadeionline.com. Also, there is one parent teacher conference a year and one home visit a year for four and five year old children.

The center uses the online app, Brightwheel.

The center works well with other church personnel.

There are monthly staff meetings and Board meetings for the program.

There is a washer and dryer on site.

There is a secure entrance into the center during center hours of operation. There is also a camera security system in place.

There is a free eye exam given to kids once a year by a clinic. There are also free speech screenings provided to children if needed.

Staff pictures and bios are posted near the entrance.

Enrollment remains steady,

The director is organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)d: 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.
One child was missing dental information.

109.10(7): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips (away from the center).
One first-aid kit needed to be labeled.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing was last tested 8/27/21 - 8/30/21. Radon levels in the classrooms came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual furnace inspection was last completed 10/7/24 so it is again coming due soon.

For nutrition, parents are responsible for providing their children's lunches and snacks. Parents are given information on what foods meet CACFP requirements. The center has several refrigerators to keep food cold as needed. Food storage was sufficient.

For transportation/field trips, the center is currently not doing any field trips. In the past, parents have been responsible for getting their children to the field trip destinations. The center will bring in different agencies for presentations to children.

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I-Power was again discussed at the visit. It appears all staff have I-Power profiles and are uploading training.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

Date: 09/19/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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