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

Name of Center: Trinity Lane Preschool **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24525

Street: 215 21st Ave SW **City:** Cedar Rapids Iowa **Zip** 52404 **County:** Linn

Mailing Address: 215 21st Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

Director's Name: Carolyn Barnes **Phone Number:** 319-362-2702

On-Site Supervisor(s): Dawn Dupont **E-Mail:** trinitylanepreschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-08-2019

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 09-13-2019

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.) 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		8	42		50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2019 to 11-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons **Date:** 10-14-2019

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

Not applicable.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Lovely Lane United Methodist Church Children's Weekday Ministries operates the following two licensed childcare programs in the community: Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare and Trinity Lane Preschool. These childcare programs have been in operation for several years. Specifically, Trinity Lane Preschool is located inside St. Ludmila Catholic Church. Trinity Lane Preschool offers a 2-year-old program, a 3-year-old preschool program, and a 4-year-old preschool program. The 4-year-old statewide voluntary preschool program is part of the DHS license. Current enrollment is 75.

The multi-site director of Lovely Lane United Methodist Church Children's Weekday Ministries is Carolyn Barnes. Ms. Barnes has a MA degree in education, over 30 years of teaching experience, and continues to participate in much child development related training. Dawn Dupont has been the site's specific supervisor since August, 2013. Ms. Dupont has a BA in business/marketing, over 9 years of experience working with children, and continues to participate in much child development related training.

On 10/1/2019, all program space was observed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Trinity Lane Preschool offers a variety of full-time and part-time learning experiences to help meet the need of families and children throughout the community.

The program has the following website for families and persons in the community learn more about their programs: https://www.lovelylane.org/childrens-weekday-ministries/. The program also sponsors a private social media page for enrolled families.

Trinity Lane Preschool and Daycare continues to participate in quality initiatives including QRS and Paces to Quality program. Trinity Lane Preschool has a QRS 5 Star. During the 2018-2019 school-year, the 2-year-old classroom participated in Paces to Quality.

Ms. Barnes and Ms. Dupont have systems of organization in place to help ensure administrative items are complete and maintained in a secure manner as well as help ensure smooth daily operations. Management and staff are professional - experienced and educated. All staff have either a degree in education and/or a CDA. Lead teachers also have a special education endorsement. Several of the staff have worked at this site for many years. Ms. Barnes discussed being proud of the comradery, teamwork, and support among staff.

Trinity Lane Preschool operates under an advisory board.

Trinity Lane Preschool hosts a variety of special events throughout the academic year including new family orientation, family nights, a fall open house, Kids Sight screenings, and staff/family conferences. Each classroom has a parent area/board includes program reminders, community resource information, and required postings including the preschool's

license. Regular newsletters include curriculum information, community information, and program reminders.

Ms. Dupont expresses continued pride in the program/"whole family" partnerships that flourish throughout the year. Ms. Dupont discussed how the program continues to expand diversity units which include stories, activities, and guest speakers to celebrate people's differences. Ms. Dupont talked about how the program has continued to offer social/emotional skills through the use of "center buddies" and experiencing how different friends play. Ms. Dupont reported the program has increased experiences in which children shall problem solve and communicate. Monthly program curriculum additionally incorporates on-site guest speaker events, enrichment experiences, and off-site field trips. These events include Chapel Time, Kids Sight, Orchestra Iowa Symphony experiences, sports skills work, and literacy storytelling experiences.

Ms. Dupont talked about how Trinity Lane Preschool continues to improve communication with families through much face-to-face interaction as well as technological means. Since the last school-year, enrollment has increased. Several ESL children and families have joined their program. Ms. Dupont reported this is due to word-of-mouth, new neighborhood signage, and email/website.

Ms. Dupont discussed the collaboration between Trinity Lane Preschool and St. Ludmila Catholic Church. Ms. Dupont continues to encourage church maintenance and janitorial staff assist to help ensure the building and grounds remains sanitary and hazard free. Prior to each preschool/academic-year commencing, Ms. Barnes discussed how a variety of things occur including deep cleaning/disinfecting materials, organizing/rearranging classroom furnishings, and curriculum planning. Staff continue to be commended for the cleaning they do at their site. Cleaning checklists are posted and being used. Program rooms are well-maintained, organized, and sanitary. Classrooms are arranged in a child-friendly manner with supplies accessible to the children. Individual child cubbies provide sanitary storage of children's personal items

Ms. Dupont talked about future goals including improving ways to serve ESL families, expanding social emotional development curriculum, completing IQPPS for Cedar Rapids School District, and possibly expanding services to include wrap-around childcare.

Staff were observed encouraging children to “catch their coughs" in elbows and hand wash at appropriate times.

Trinity Lane Preschool has an outside drop-off and pick-up lane.

The preschool collaborates well with many community parents including local school districts, early access agency, CCR&R, local school district nurses, and local child care nurse consultant.

It is important to note, during the monitoring visit, fire alarms unexpectedly sounded. Management and staff were vigilant in evacuating the children quickly and providing the children with extended reassurances. Emergency procedures were followed including not re-entering the building until the fire department surveyed the building and provided an "all clear". The alarms were determined to have sounded due to a kitchen spill.

On the day of the monitoring visit, staff were nurturing and attentive to the children's needs. Families and children were greeted upon arrival. Staff engaged in programming with the children (particularly during imaginative play experiences, small group work, fingerplays/music with movement activities, storybook reading,, and teacher/child circle discussion). Many supplies were available during center play including books, musical instruments, developmentally appropriate building materials, sensory items (play dough), crafts, and home living materials. Many words of encouragement and comfort could be heard throughout the visit. Staff utilized positive redirection when needed. Daily routine events and transitions (including restrooming with hand washing and snack preparations) went smoothly. Children responded well to staff and appeared comfortable at the program.

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

None noted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

There was evidence of water intrusion through classroom windows again. Remedy.

A full license is issued. Thank you for the visit.

*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.