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

Name of Center: Christ The King Daycare **Enrollment:** 63 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27900

Street: 5711 SW 9th ST **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 820 Porter AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50315

Director's Name: Melanie Handy **Phone Number:** 515-953-4327

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** daycaredirector@cksdesmoines.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-11-2024

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:** 07-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-24-2024

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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General		20	34	60	114
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 11-04-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Christ the King Day Care has been in operation since June 2007. The center is located in Christ the King School. This center is owned and operated by this school. The school has secured entrances. The daycare has it's own secured entrance that parents use. Child care services are provided for children ages two years through school age. The center's director is Melanie Handy. She started working at the daycare in August 2024. Melanie had eighteen years of experience working with children prior to coming to this center.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas of HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the daycare's entrance. Daily schedules are in place in classrooms. Each classroom had lesson plans available for review. Each classroom had developmentally appropriate toys, learning supplies and furnishings.

Melanie assisted with today's visit.
In the 2's classroom, there were eight children in attendance. Two staff were working in this classroom. In the 3's classroom, six children were present. Two staff were working with this class. There were six children in the 4/5's class. One staff was working with this class. The school age program wasn't in operation during today's visit. Children were observed during rest time, during transition times. Classes were also observed during child directed play activities and staff led circle time.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The school's kitchen provides breakfast and lunch. Menus were reviewed and showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The center's playground has fencing. The center for the younger children is located right outside the daycare entrance. Kid Klub uses a separate playground that is located across the street.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The church is very supportive of the center. The current director has been working to get the center's administrative records complete as this has been an ongoing concern with the center.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
The center used criminal background checks completed by the school for new staff. They hadn't used SING.
There was a staff member working who had a transgression on her record. The center didn't follow protocol to get permission from the State to have an evaluation completed to get permission for the staff to work at the daycare.
These violations have been resolved. The director has completed SING checks and federal record checks on staff. The center received a letter from the RCE Unit allowing the staff to work at the center.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Children's files didn't have current physicals.
The director is sending letters to parents/guardians requesting current physicals, giving a date to comply or children cannot attend daycare.
The center is using Bright Wheel and the center didn't have parents list a preferred dentist. This information is also being requested.

109.10(1)b: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
Children's files need annual updates, including annual statements of health.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
Radon testing needs to be completed.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

*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.