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

Name of Center: Siouxland Christian Preschool **Enrollment:** 94 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51505

Street: 5977 Gordon Drive **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 5977 Gordon DR, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Laura Wright **Phone Number:** 712-224-4784

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sara Crabtree **E-Mail:** lwright@siouxlandchristian.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-11-2024

Licensing Visit **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:** 11-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 03-11-2024

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		38	74	20	132
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

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

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 01-02-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 12-11-24 and spoke Laura Wright director. Laura also has a degree in Mass Communication and a couple years working with children. Sara Crabtree is the new onsite supervisor as Amy Jarvosky resigned. Sara has a Assosicate Degree in Administration and several years working in childcare.

Siouxland Christian Preschool and Childcare opened on 08-23-21. This year the program modified the children ages that they serve to be ages 2years old to 6 years old during the school year as the school agers now go to their school age program at the main school building. In the summer they do serve school agers up to age 11. Siouxland Christian Preschool & childcare has 8 rooms, two-2 year old rooms(however this year only have one room open; three- 3 year old rooms, and two 4/5 preschool rooms. The center operates year around Monday through Friday, and have modified their hours from 6:30am to 7:00am and to 6:00pm to 5:30pm. The program does close over Christmas Break and a week in the summer. The school year is Aug 23, 2024 to May 16, 2025. Summer session will be from May 27, 2025 to August 8, 2025. Then closed until school starts later in August 2025.

There are 94 children enrolled in the program, however, there were 87 children were present at the time of the visit. The director was present throughout the visit. 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. Center follows the Siouxland Christian School calendar. They have implemented a couple of professional development days into their schedule to allow staff to get necessary trainings completed. They also offer a summer program for the school agers K-5th grade and do academics in the morning and a couple of field trips in the afternoon. During the school year the school agers are being housed at the school in the Eagles Aftercare program. m. During the summer the school agers will apart of the summers school program at the main center.

The center has the following areas throughout the rooms for the children to explore and learn: toys, books, cars, kitchen, puzzles and blocks. During this visit observed the children participating in the following activities: free play(during this time children can explore the various centers throughout the room), lunch, and stories read to the children. Children have access to bathrooms. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the rooms were shapes and children's artwork. Observed staff engaging children in conversations throughout the day, playing with the children, reminding children of the rules, reading stories to the children and sitting with the children during mealtimes. Staff interact with the children in a positive manner and actively help them in all their endeavors. The center uses the Bright Wheel App to assist in administration duties.

Lunches are provided by the Sioux City Community Central Kitchen. Since the program has adjusted their hours they no longer serve breakfast. They are not apart of the CACFP program but follow the program. Parents provide snacks which follow CACFP guidelines. Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition for lunches. Menus were posted.
Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables were cleaned. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Heating is all electric. Radon tests completed and in

normal range. Good sanitary procedures are followed. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place. Center has a security system for the new building.

Center Playground
The center has a fenced-in playground in back of the center. Playground has an alley to cross to the fenced in playground which they put stop signs out and have a crosswalk. The center has staff in zones on the playground to provide good supervision in hopes to illuminate any blind spots.

The playground has climbing equipment, tricycles, slides, a playhouse, riding toys, and picnic tables. They also have a grassy area. Shredded rubber is around the climbing equipment. Monthly playground inspection is completed. Center has a Shade structure on the playground.

Transportation:
The program provides transportation with buses from the Siouxland Christian School. They also use their buses for any fieldtrips that the K-5th grade would do.

The center uses Becca - Christian based curriculum and Handwriting without Tears. Center does staff meetings regularly.

Strengths of the program are the center's core staff have been working with children for a couple of years and are invested in the kids. Staff have a good relationship with the children/parent's and work good as a team. Staff also really love the kids and follow a spiritual base curriculum. Center uses Bright Wheel app to document diapering, kids activities, communication, and billing with parents. Center is on IQ4K level 1. The program has several staff who are on the Wages and Teach program and utilizes the CCA program for employees.

Goals of the center: The director would like to apply for level 2 of IQ4K from a level 1. Also to look into the Preschool Intiative program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Program is on the IQ4K program level 1 out of 5.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.
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Display children's art work in the room.

Staff showed positive interactions with the children and participated in the children's activities.

Center has cameras throughout the building.

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 3

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center will email consultant confirming that items that are below standard have been corrected by 01-30-25.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.