

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

**Name of Center:** Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool **Enrollment:** 36 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28430

**Street:** 505 NE Dodge **City:** Greenfield **Iowa Zip** 50849 **County:** Adair

**Mailing Address:** 505 NE Dodge, Greenfield, IA, 50849

**Director's Name:** Kristen Walker **Phone Number:** 641-745-5155

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** N/A **E-Mail:** kristenkwalker@hotmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 03-14-2017

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-04-2017

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

**Date Inspected:** 02-14-2017

**Comments :** State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

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

**Financial Type:** Profit X Non-Profit NA

**Accreditation:** 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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	30	0	30
Summer					0

**QRS Rating:** N/A

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 04-01-2017 to 04-01-2019
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCATION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Date: 03-21-2017

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

N/A.

### **II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

A full licensing visit was conducted on 3/14/17. Areas observed included the two classrooms, nutrition practices, health and safety practices, playground ,transportation/field trip practices, and administrative practices. The director was present throughout the visit.

Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool is a center located in Greenfield, IA. The center utilizes one large classroom and then a smaller classroom just off of the larger classroom inside the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Children range from three years to five years in age. Classes are from 12:30pm-4:00pm on Mondays and then 8:00am-11:30am or 12:30pm-4:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. For a learning curriculum, the center uses a combination of the Creative Curriculum, the Owls Literacy Curriculum, as well as their own learning curriculum developed over the years.

The center is overseen by a Board. Kristen Walker is the director of this program as well as B-F Kindergarten located in Bridgewater, IA. Kristen has worked in child care for a number of years and meets the qualifications for director.

### **III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center recently received 35 out of 35 on their immunization audit from the beginning of the year (1/2017).

The director is also the director at B-F Kindergarten in Bridgewater, IA so many of the same written policies and procedures are the same at both programs.

The center is a QRS Level 4.

The main classroom is very spacious for children's activities.

Communication with parents is stressed. Parents receive a monthly newsletter as well a weekly progress reports. There are two parent-teacher conferences held each year. Finally, the center has a Facebook page that contains additional information parents may find useful.

The center has a good working relationship with the community. Fall and/or Spring fundraiser are held every year.

The center has a good working relationship with the church.

Enrollment continues to remain steady. The center has room to increase capacity if needed in the future.

#### **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: 1 staff member for first-aid and CPR.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

The sanitizer/disinfectant product used by the program should always be kept out of children's reach. **THIS ISSUE WAS CORRECTED DURING THE VISIT.**

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.

Additional concerns: There was a piece of cheesecake in the fridge that was not covered. All food, even if church staff food should be covered as this is shared space with the program.

#### **V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The new CACFP (food program) changes that go into full effect 10/1/17 were discussed.

The new Federal mandates to state licensing that went into effect 10/1/16 were discussed. Staff are either completed with this training or finishing up this training. The center has created a disaster/evacuation kit. The center has created a written disaster/evacuation plan. The center will need to update their staff handbook to reflect the new requirements for staff training. A sample of what to include in the handbook was previously emailed to all centers.

There are still some bolts on the fence that should be cut/capped. It was noted that these bolts are facing outside of the fenced in area, but because the center uses playground space outside of the fenced in area (sidewalk) these bolts should also be cut/capped.

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

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