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

Name of Center: Helping Hands Play School **Enrollment:** 32 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 42008

Street: 900 Lincolnshire Pl **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1813 Weinrose Dr NE, North Liberty, IA, 52317

Director's Name: Niki Becker and Roly Neuzil **Phone Number:** 319-936-5911

On-Site Supervisor(s): Chelsea L, Elisha M, Emma H, & Madalyn G **E-Mail:** helpinghandsplayschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-27-2025

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:** 02-01-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-22-2024

Comments : Does Comply.

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age 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	8	8	16		32
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 08-04-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at HELPING HANDS PLAY SCHOOL - 42008 l for an annual visit on 2/27/2025. The center provides child care for infants-preschool aged children. They currently has 32 children enrolled. The center is located inside of First Christian Church. The center has 3 classrooms, a cafeteria, kitchen, storage areas and an office. The fire inspection was 8/22/2024.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

The directors are Niki Becker and Roly Neuzil. Niki has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Niki opened the center in 2013. Roly has an Associate's Degree. She has been working at the center since 2013.

The on-site supervisors are Chelsea Lenoch, Elisha Moffit, Emma Houser and Madalyn Gassman. Chelsea has been working at the center since 2013. Elisha has been working at the center since 2017. Emma has been working at the center since 2020. Emma has a Bachelor's Degree in Communication. Madalyn started in 2018. Madalyn also has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had completed fire and tornado drills as required.

The center's curriculum is from Brightwheel. Experience Curriculum has been supporting educators for over 30 years with a research-based curriculum system paired with high-quality, hands-on learning materials shipped monthly. It is aligned with NAEYC, Common Core, Head Start, and all 50 states' early learning standards.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining staff.
-The classrooms are clean and well organized.
-Staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level.
-The center utilizes Experience Curriculum.
-The center's child files were in full compliance.
-Center staff have completed Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. The center must comply with the minimum requirements as defined in state laws and rules governing the standards for childcare centers. The childcare consultant will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps to address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all the above-mentioned violations.

It is imperative that the director has a full understanding of Iowa Code 109 and Comm. 204. They can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/providers/ccc/ under HHS Regulations.

The director is strongly encouraged to work with their Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

Please do not hesitate to contact the licensing consultant, Heidi Brown, if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 515-631-8846 or heidi.brown@hhs.iowa.gov

*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.