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

Name of Center: Noah's Ark Preschool **Enrollment:** 56 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30247

Street: 1425 Pleasant Court Dr **City:** Sheldon Iowa **Zip** 51201 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: 1425 Pleasant Court Dr, Sheldon, IA, 51201

Director's Name: Liesl Lidiak **Phone Number:** 712-631-0010

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** noahsark@nethtc.net

Date(s) of Visit: 02-19-2025

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 01-06-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-11-2024

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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			39		39
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2025 to 03-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-21-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 2-19-25 and spoke with Liesl Lidiak, director/lead preschool teacher. She has an Elementary Education degree and twenty three years' experience working with children. Noah's Ark Preschool is located in the educational wing of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheldon. The center has one large room and 4 smaller rooms for the various small group activities. The center operates Monday through Thursday 8:15am to 11:15am for the 4 year old and 12pm to 2:45pm for the three year old children.

There are 56 children enrolled in the program. There are 24 three year olds and 32 four year olds. The program is apart of the preschool initiative program for their 4 yr olds. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, reminding the children about rules, and engaging the children in activities. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes Creative curriculum and Gold Assessments. The program follows Sheldon Community School District for weather related delays or closures. There was cleaning products which were low enough that chidren had access to. Cleaning products need to be put out of reach for children.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Snacks are brought by parents each day. The Center is not currently on the food program but does follow the food program guidelines for nutritious snacks. Parents are given a recommended snack list for parents that follow the food program. Good food storage practices were observed.

Center does not administer medication due to the short time the children are present at the center. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. 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. Annual heating was completed. Radon tests are complete and within normal range. Center has a radon mitigation system. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained.

The center has a large fenced-in grass covered playground next to the church. There is no permanent equipment on the playground. All toys for the playground are brought out daily by the center staff. Monthly playground inspection was complete.

The center does not transport the children. School bus transports the children for field trips and to daycare in the town, however bussing is only provided for children who attend in the morning. The center does 1-2 field trips per year(spring and fall).

Strengths of the program is that staff are seasoned and have been there several years. This is helpful for consistency and good relationship with families and the children that they serve as well as the support of the church they are housed in. The center is also a partner with the Preschool Initiative program with the local school district. Staff also exceed the amount of

trainings that is required by licensing.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is part of the voluntary preschool initiative.

The center sends out weekly newsletters to inform parents of skills and concepts that the program is teaching the children.

The center does home visits for each child before school begins in September.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center is well organized.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Very positive interaction with the children.

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
Cleaning products need to be out of reach of children.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please email consultant by 03-20-25 confirming that those aspects that fall below licensing standards have been corrected.

A full license will remain in effect 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.