

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

**Name of Center:** Orange City Head Start **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30221

**Street:** 1103 Lincoln Circle SE **City:** Orange City **Iowa Zip** 51041 **County:** Sioux

**Mailing Address:** 418 S Marion St, Remsen, IA, 51050

**Director's Name:** Kendra Rensink **Phone Number:** 712-737-3889

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Betty Steenblock **E-Mail:** ochs@midsioux.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 11-16-2017

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

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

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

**Date Inspected:** 09-22-2015

**Comments :**

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

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

**QRS Rating:** N/A

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 10-01-2016 to 10-01-2018
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCATION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew

Date: 01-08-2018

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

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

Visited the center on 11-06-17 and talked with Betty Steenblock, onsite supervisor. Ms Steenblock has an elementary education degree with an early childhood endorsement and twenty three years experience working with children. Orange City Head Start is located in one room on the lower level, in the same building as the Orange City Daycare Center. The center operates Monday through Thursday, 9:15am to 1:15pm. The program serves children ages 3 to 5 years old. Currently there are 16 children enrolled in the program. The Head Start program is blended in with the universal preschool program in the building. This is a multi-lingual room therefore everything is read in English and Spanish.

The Head Start room had two staff and sixteen children on the day of this visit. The center has the following areas throughout the center for the children to explore and learn: music, toys, books, blocks, puzzles, dramatic play, science, writing, puppets, sand/water table, house area and art. Observed the children participating in the following activities: music/dance, lunch, free play (during this time children can explore the various centers throughout the room), singing songs, exercise, food experience and staff reading stories to the children. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathrooms. The program has a variety of play/learning centers located throughout the room. Daily picture schedule at the children's level. Everything in the room is labeled in English and Spanish. Displayed throughout the room were numbers, seasons, pictures of the children, picture schedule for the children, display children's artwork, pictures of children's families, shapes and the alphabet. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Observed staff on the floor and at tables playing with the children, lead children in singing, reminding the children of rules, encouraging children to participate, assisting children in various activities and staff engage the children in conversation throughout the day. Excellent interaction with the children.

Observing the program it is evident that the staff are striving to provide a positive and supportive environment for the children to learn and grow.

### Center Nutrition Practices Observed

Meals are prepared by the Orange City Daycare. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted.

### Center Health & Safety

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. 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. Radon test is complete. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center is all electric.

### Center Playground

The center has a large fenced-in playground adjacent to the building that they share with the Daycare. The playground has slides, and climbing equipment with surfacing material (wood chips) throughout the area. The daycare center maintains the playground.

#### Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips

The center uses the Head Start bus to transport the children to and from the program.

#### Center Administrative Records

All the required postings were visible. One staff record was reviewed and was complete. The three children's files reviewed were complete. The center's discipline practices consist of talking to the children and redirection.

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

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

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.

Teacher is very animated when reading stories to the children, holding the children's interest in the story.

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

none

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

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