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

Name of Center: Drake University Head Start-Ashworth **Enrollment:** 29 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28311

Street: 1025 28th St **City:** West Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50266 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3800 Merle Hay Rd Suite 323 , Des Moines, IA, 50310

Director's Name: Lisa Proctor **Phone Number:** 515-271-1854

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kristen Glenn **E-Mail:** Kimberly.puetz@drake.edu

Date(s) of Visit: 01-29-2025

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:** 12-18-2024

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

Date Inspected: 02-03-2025

Comments : West Des Moines

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.) 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	34		42
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-03-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Drake Head Start - Ashworth Center has been in operation since 2005. This program is located at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Des Moines. The center has a secured entrance that parents use. This Head Start program has two toddler classrooms. The toddler programs operate on a year round schedule. There is one traditional classroom, which serves children ages three through five years of age. This class operates during the school year.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are in place by each classroom doorway.

Three classrooms were observed today.
Ashworth 1 had thirteen children present. Heather Armstrong is the lead teacher. There is an assistant teacher in this classroom.
Toddler 1 had six children present. Kristin Glenn is the lead teacher. There is an assistant teacher is in this classroom. The room has a student teacher at this time also.
Toddler 2 had eight children present. Andrea Roberts is the lead teacher. There was a sub for Andrea today. There is an assistant teacher in this classroom.
Children were observed in their classrooms today and on the playground. Lunch time was observed. Transition times and child directed play activities were observed.
Staff were guiding and providing appropriate supervising and support throughout the visit.

The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center gets meals from West Des Moines Schools. Menus are on a four week rotation. Lunch served today was chicken sandwiches, broccoli, oranges and milk.

The center's playground has fencing. There are rubber tiles for surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Head Start Preschools are well supported. The classrooms have many learning centers that are filled with age appropriate learning and play materials that children have easy access to. Children benefit from Head Start's ability to have other early childhood professionals participate and support children's educational and health needs.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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