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

Name of Center: Sloan Head Start **Enrollment:** 86 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30189

Street: 2711 South Helen **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2700 Leech Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Rachel Ostermeyer **Phone Number:** 712-274-1610

On-Site Supervisor(s): Maggie Butler **E-Mail:** cbeatty@caasiouxland.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-10-2024

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

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

Date Inspected: 06-29-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **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	0	16	92	0	108
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 05-17-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visit was made on 05-10-24 and visited with onsite supervisor Maggie Butler. Ms Butler has a bachelors degree in business with an early childhood endorsement. Ms Butler has several years' worth of experience working in child care related fields and has been with the head start program for 9 years. The center is overseen by a Board. Rachel Ostermeyer is the director of this program as well as other related programs.

Sloan Head start building has an EHS program of 2 classrooms ages 6 weeks to 2 years, and 2-3 year olds which started with the school year of 2019. The EHS program is year round program. The hours of EHS are 6:30am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday. The building has 7 rooms with 2 of them being EHS classroom and 5 Headstart classrooms. Capacity is 108 for this site. The Head start hours are from 8:30am to 2:30pm on Mondays, and 8:30am to 3:45pm Tuesday thru Fridays. Headstart also offers extended childcare hours during the school year which are 6:30am to 8:30am and 3:45 to 5:30pm. Headstart classes will be completed on 05-16-24 and will resume after labor day for the next school year. EHS will continue throughout the summer, however will close 2 weeks in August and resume after labor day.

There are 86 children enrolled in the program; at the time of the visit there were 77 present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, 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, five senses, globe of the world, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities, sitting at the tables with the children during meals and reading stories to the children. The center utilizes the High Scope Curriculum Gold in their teachings.

The EHS infant rooms also had sufficient amount of toys, cribs, highchairs and equipment in the room. Children have access to changing tables. Observed staff feeding the children, playing with them, rocking them to sleep, talking to the children throughout the day and diaper changing. Good staff interaction with the children throughout the day. Staff provide a caring environment for the children. Throughout the center staff are very attentive to the children’s needs and concerns.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Lunch, breakfast, and snacks are provided by the Sioux City school system. . The program exhibits good food storage practices. The program follows the CACFP guidelines. Center participates in the CACFP program. 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. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. However, reminder to change gloves between diaper changes in one of the headstart rooms. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon test and Furnace inspection were not available at the time of the visit and need to be completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon

monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place, however, in one of the rooms there were cords that needed to be secured.

Center Playground
They have a very large fenced-in playground next to the building and a infant/toddler playground too. They also have access to a gym in the building. The playground has a slide, climbing equipment, balance beam, tricycles, tricycle path, paint area, musical equipment, stage and a sand/digging area. The program put in turf last summer for surfacing around any equipment and in the infant playground area. Monthly playground inspection completed. Shade is available on the playground. On the headstart playground there is an area where the children like to dig in the dirt. This area has gotten to where it is a good size hole and can be a tripping hazard. It is recommended to fill in enough to where there is no longer a safety issue.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
None

Center Administrative Records
All the required postings were visible. The center's discipline practices consist of talking to the children, redirection, tucker turtle and PBIS. They also use second step where they talk about social and emotional issues with the children. 14 children's files were reviewed. Staff files will be reviewed at a later date as those files are at the main office.

Goals of the center are to continue to hire and maintain qualified staff to help with staff turnover.

Strengths of the program is that staff work well together and have a good relationship with the children and families that they serve. Staff have good supports with coaches and curriculum. The program is a quality program for children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a website and a Facebook page.

The center practices PBIS for children who are having a difficult time adjusting/behaving.

Children's art work was displayed in classrooms.

There are two homes visits each year as well as two parent-teacher conferences throughout the year.

Monthly Second Step information on different topics are sent home to parents.

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. The outdoor area has a hole that is deep to where it has become a safety hazard.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The program will email consultant by 06-15-24 confirming that all aspects below standards has been corrected.

A full license is recommended 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.