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

Name of Center: Stella Sanford CDC - East **Enrollment:** 62 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51354

Street: 6100 Morningside Avenue **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 600 4th St Suite 100, Sioux City, IA, 51101

Director's Name: Danielle Haas **Phone Number:** 712-255-6832

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melissa Atwood **E-Mail:** dhaas@crittentoncenter.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-11-2025

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:** 02-10-2023

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

Date Inspected: 03-11-2024

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	34	37	37		108
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:** 02-12-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Stella Sanford Child Development Center - Eastside on 02-11-25 and spoke with Melissa Atwood onsite supervisor and Danielle Haas, Director. Danelle Haas has her associates degree in Early Childhood and 7 years of experience in childcare. Erika Fuentes will still oversee the childcare programs. Danelle is the director and oversees 3 other Crittenton Center childcare programs. Melissa Atwood has her Para Educator certificate and 2 years college working towards elementary education and has worked 12 years with the center. This center opened 03-01-21 at the old Siouxland Christian School building.

Center has 6 rooms that they use. They have two infant rooms - 6 weeks to 1 year, 1 year olds, 2/3 year room, older 3 year old room, 3/4 year old and 4/5 year old rooms. Center serves 6 weeks up to age 5 (children who enter kindergarten graduate the program). Capacity is 108. Center had partnered with Mercy One Medical Center in August 2022 to assist childcare for staff who work at Mercy One, however that contract is ending 02-28-25. Hours of the program will switch from 6:00am to 7:30pm Monday thru Friday to 6:00am to 5:15pm to align with the other Crittenten Center's Childcare programs.

The daycare is owned by the Crittenton Center. The program also partners with the Sanford Center who is also located in the building but serves school agers.

Currently there are 62 children enrolled, however at the time of the visit only 46 children were present. The front door is locked and staff admit everyone into the building. However, the program needs to visit with their other partners - church and Sanford Center to ensure that community persons(not involved with either of the childcare programs) are not in the area for other activties and utilize the gym which is apart of their program during center hours for safety reasons.

The center continues cleaning daily of toys that children use. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. All program rooms looked good and were in ratio. Each room has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment, toys and supplies. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were nurturing and kind. Children were observed in a variety of activities. Daily schedules of activities were posted. The children had their fun art work displayed throughout the center. Preschool Program is apart of the Preschool Initiative with the Sioux City School District. The program uses Creative curriculum and Gold assessments. The program just started using the Playground app to assist in administrative duties.

The one year old room had the following areas throughout this room for the children to explore and learn: dolls, cars, kitchen, books and toys. The room has a variety of toys in the storage area that they rotate into the room. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Changing tables are accessible in the room. Child size furniture throughout the area. Observed staff assisting children. Staff had good interaction with the children.

The infant rooms 6weeks to 8 months and 8 months to1year. The center has the following areas throughout these rooms for the children to explore and learn: blocks, toys, books and mirrors. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number

of children. Colorful room. Room has changing tables and handwashing sinks. In all of the infant rooms the staff interacted in a positive manner with the infants.

The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. The kitchen is not accessible to the children. Lunches are provided by the Sioux City Community School District and prepared onsite. The center provides breakfast and snacks. The center has a kitchen to prep for lunches and simple breakfast. Children do not have access to the kitchen. The center participates in the CACFP program. Menus were posted.

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. First aid kits are available and able to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills were
documented each month. Radon test was completed and within normal range. Annual heating inspection was not available at the time of the visit. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Carbon monoxide detector is in each classroom.

A fenced in playground is adjacent to the building. Surfacing is rubber mulch area, grass and cement. They have an umbrella for shade. Melissa stated that the center has fixed the area of cement that was a tripping hazard and the electrical box that had sharp edges covered. There is an area that is grassy/dirt that has a slope. Program has added additional dirt in that area so slope is not that steep. The center has a gym inside that they have access to when their is inclement weather. Due to inclement weather the playground will need to be viewed at later date. Monthly playground inspection are done.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The program just purchased two vans, but are not using them to transport children. They only use to run errands when needed. The program does not do any field trips at this time.

Staff files are located at the main site and will be reviewed at a later date.

Goals for the center: Get on IQ4K program as they are working on it, field trips, STEM activities for outside, and look at a school age program.

Strengths of the center: The center has a good core group who are willing to help and support each other. The staff also have a good relationship with the children they serve. Good communication with parents regarding the care of their children and being available to their parents if needed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program holds monthly staff meetings.

They are apart of the Preschool Initiative Program.

Toys are at children's level and accessible.

Center displays children's art work in the rooms.

Good room arrangement throughout the center.

Center communicates with parents through their app.

Very positive interaction with the children.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: Information was missing.

109.10(16)b
Any person who does not have a record check completed shall not have unrestricted access to children for whom that person is not a parent, guardian, or custodian.

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:

Director will email consultant by 03-11-25 confirming that items that fall below standards have been corrected.

It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR for support.

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.