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

Name of Center: Heart 2 Heart **Enrollment:** 25 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46400

Street: 1111 Marshall St **City:** Boone Iowa **Zip** 50036 **County:** Boone

Mailing Address: 1111 Marshall St, Boone, IA, 50036

Director's Name: Sue Eldridge **Phone Number:** 515-432-4124

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** principal@shboone.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-24-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-05-2022

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

Date Inspected: 11-14-2022

Comments : Boone Fire Marshal .

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.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age X 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	0	0	10	44	54
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 04-25-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 4/24/23. The principal/director was present throughout this visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent Covid requirements were also reviewed.

Heart to Heart is a school-age program located in the lower level and cafeteria area of Sacred Heart School in Boone, IA. The center was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) licensing on 12/7/15. Prior to this date, the center was under the Department of Education's supervision. The center is in operation during the school year only. The center is not in operation during the school year if there are no school days or cancellations. The center closed due to Covid in 3/2020 and reopened for business in 1/2023.

The center is overseen by a Board. The principal, Sue Eldridge, is currently the director. Sue has many years of experience working in child care/school. Sue also has a BA degree and a Master's degree. For next school year, the program hopes to have a new director in place who will report to the principal.

During the visit, children were observed washing their hands and then sitting down for the PM snack. Two other staff were also present supervising children and being attentive to children's needs and also visiting with children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has access to other school personnel and resources

The center incorporates a faith based value system in their teachings which carries over from the school day.

The center uses an electronic application for signing children into/out of the center.

Good child/staff interactions and activities were observed during the visit.

The program sets aside time each day for children to get any homework completely they received earlier in the day.

There is a secure entrance into the school.

The director believes a strength of the center is that the children they care for are healthy and well behaved.

The program is back open for business to fill a need in the community.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1 staff member did not have a current physical in the file.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
Several things were either missing in children's files or stored in a couple of different places.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
January and February 2023 Fire drills were not documented. The January 2023 tornado drill was not documented.

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.
On the playground, there was one area at the bottom of a slide and another area under one swing where the black under tarp was exposed creating a potential tripping hazard.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
Monthly playground checks are required.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.
There was one issue with dry food storage not being sufficiently sealed in a cupboard.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing will be needed one year from the date of reopen (so no later than 1/3/24). If levels are below 4.0, the center can test every five years. If the levels in the classroom space used are 4.0 or higher, retesting is needed to get below 4.0 with a mitigation strategy. Testing will then go back to every two years.

The furnace inspection will need to be completed soon.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

This consultant showed staff the CACFP Food Shopper smart phone application.

The center is in the process of restocking their Emergency Preparedness Kit. It is also recommended this kit be stored in place that is easily accessible to staff if ever needed.

Child and staff tracking forms along with a sample child enrollment form/annual update form were emailed to the director after the visit concluded.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.