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

Name of Center: Corning Head Start **Enrollment:** 23 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28428

Street: 905 Benton Ave **City:** Corning Iowa **Zip** 50841 **County:** Adams

Mailing Address: 905 Benton Ave, Corning, IA, 50841

Director's Name: Julie Lang **Phone Number:** 641-322-4601

On-Site Supervisor(s): Chris Wirtz **E-Mail:** JLang@maturaia.org, cnelson@maturaia.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-15-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 06-04-2020

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.) 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: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 03-08-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was made to Corning Head Start on 2-15-2023. The center is located in the same building as Southwest Valley Schools Early Childhood Center. Preschool services are provided Tuesday through Friday, there is a morning and afternoon session.
Julie Lang is the director and Chris and Emily are the teachers. There are 14 children enrolled in the morning and 9 children enrolled in the afternoon - total enrollment is 23 children.

Observation of room:
The program room looked great and is arranged with fun activity centers. The equipment is rotated on a regular basis.
The lesson plans looked great, the current study was buildings.
The children were having fun participating in a variety of activities.
The center provides a monthly newsletter to the families.
Chris and Emily had wonderful interactions with the children.

Nutrition:
A local school provides the breakfast, lunch and snack. Chris said the school follows the CACFP guidelines and menus are posted.

Health and safety:
Radon testing is needed. Southwest Valley Early Childhood Center does the radon testing. Please send me a copy of the radon testing as soon as possible. Test scores need to be under 4.0 pCi/L. It was reported that the building has all electric appliances.
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.

Playground:
The center shares the playground space with Southwest Valley Schools Early Childhood Center. A new playground was completed in May 2022. The playground has a climbing structure, two toddler swings, two regular swings, a merry go round and padded surfacing.
Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. The Trolley provides transportation to some of the children.

Administrative records:
Staff meetings are held on a regular basis.
Head Start provides a variety of training for staff.
Child files emergency medical contact information was reviewed and was in good order.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Corning Head Start is a wonderful resource for the community. They participate in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and have a level 4.
Chris and Emily had excellent interactions with the children, they are positive and attentive to he needs of the children.

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

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 9-1-2023 to 9-1-2025.
A fire marshal inspection will be due by 6-4-2023.

*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.