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

Name of Center: Crittenton Center's Liberty Preschool **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36231

Street: 1623 Rebecca ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51103 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 1724 Geneva ST, Sioux City, IA, 51103

Director's Name: Erika Fuentes **Phone Number:** 712-255-6832

On-Site Supervisor(s): Shawna Gallordo **E-Mail:** emcwell@crittentoncenter.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-17-2022

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:** 01-26-2022

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

Date Inspected: 07-28-2022

Comments :

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.) 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			45		45
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2021 to 12-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-17-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Crittenton Center's Liberty Preschool on 11-17-22 and spoke with Flora Malando lead staff as Shawna Gallordo, onsite supervisor was not present. Ms Gallordo has her bachelors in elementary education and has worked with children for fourteen years. The preschool is located in two rooms of Sioux City Liberty Elementary school. However, due to low numbers going forward they will now only use one preschool room. The program is operated by the Crittenton Center. The program operates Monday through Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm during the school year. They serve 4 to 5 year olds in the preschool initiative program. The doors are locked and people must use a buzzer to gain access to the building.

There are 16 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit only 12 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. Given the current corona-virus pandemic time was spent on discussing how the center is managing. The center is following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center continues to clean toys daily that children use. The center did have some cleaning products that were in reach of children, and when brought to staff's attention they immediately put them away.

Shawna teaches preschool on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Tuesday and Thursday she teaches preschool at the main site. Ms. Maldando follows preschool when Shawna is not teaching to keep the children in their routine. Out of the 16 children enrolled, only 6 children stay all day and rest in the afternoon.

Staff files are located at the main office and will be reviewed at another date.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Sioux City school system provides the lunch and snacks are provided by the center. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted.

Center Health & Safety
Medication is stored in a locked area, out of reach of the children, although they currently are not administering any meds. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Annual heating inspection was not available at the time of the visit. Radon tests are complete. 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.

Center Playground
The center has a large fenced-in playground that they share with Liberty elementary school. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. Rubber squares surround the play equipment. School handles playground inspection. Shade is available on the playground. The program provides outside toys for the children to play with. At the time of the visit the playground was not observed due to inclement weather. This will be reviewed at a later date.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips

The center does not transport the children.

Center Administrative Records
All the required postings were visible. The center's discipline practices consist of talking to the children, redirection and thinking time.

Goals of the program are to strive in helping the children to be independent, socially, able to communicate to transition into kindergarten.
Also for the children to be able to engage with each other. To reopen the 2nd classroom that they used tohave.

Strengths of the program are that the staff work well as a team and have a good relationship with the children/families that they serve and the school.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center uses Procare app to communicate with parents to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

The classroom is well organized

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Part of the preschool initiative

Very positive interaction with the children.

Picture schedule of daily activities for 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: 1
Information lacking: Information was missing.

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 center needs to email consultant by 12-14-22 confirming that those aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time 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.