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

Name of Center: Rock Valley Head Start **Enrollment:** 17 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51531

Street: 2707 Discovery Dr **City:** Rock Valley Iowa **Zip** 51247 **County:** Sioux

Mailing Address: 418 S. Marion St, Remsen, IA, 51050

Director's Name: Kendra Rensink **Phone Number:** 712-476-9492

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amy Moss **E-Mail:** krensink@midsioux.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-22-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-08-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-10-2021

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			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 01-23-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 01-22-24 a licensing visit was made to the Rock Valley Head Start Program in Rock Valley. I met with Amy Moss the lead teacher/onsite. Ms Moss has an Associates degree in early childhood education and has been with the Head Start Program for 9 years. Ms. Moss has 14 years working with children. Ms Moss is also a family advocate for this site.

Rock Valley Head Start is a non-profit program administered through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. The program is housed in one room of the Project Youth Childcare Center. This school year(2023/2024) the program operates Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am to 12:00. In the 2022/2023 school year, due to staffing reasons the program had went to 3 days a week instead of 4 days. The program serves children ages 3 to 5 years of age. The program opened at this location with the 2021 school year.

There are 17 children enrolled in the program, however at the time of the visit there were 16 children 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 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 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, 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. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes the High Scope Curriculum Gold in their teachings.
Their daily schedule of activities posted. Children have access to a bathroom in the room and right outside the classroom. The classroom uses both English and Spanish to identify objects in the room.

Staff files are located at the main headstart office and will be viewed at a later date.

The program had documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. Radon test was at the correct level. The annual fuel burning inspection was not available at the time of the visit. A carbon monoxide detector was on site and is located near the entrance. The program has a first aid kit to meet minor injuries. There were no children that currently were on any medications.

Meals are prepared onsite by the Project Youth Childcare Program and brought down on a cart to the Headstart room. The program is on the food program and follows their meals for breakfast and lunch. The program has the children brush their teeth after breakfast.

Fenced -in playground is adjacent to the building for the 3-5 year olds. This playground has slides, trikes, balls, climbing equipment, toys and a playhouse. Poured rubber surrounds all the outdoor play equipment. They also have an area that is

turf. Playground has shade available. Due to 10" of snow the playground was not reviewed and will be viewed at a later date.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
Head Start no longer has busing for field trips or to transport children to and from home, therefore, they are no longer doing field trips.

Strengths of the program is that staff work well as a team and have a good relationship with the families that they serve. They also have a good relationship with the daycare. the program also works with the whole Family in addition to the child.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center has parent conferences during the year to keep parents informed of how their child is progressing.

Head Start has an education specialist involved in the classroom, a family worker, a nutritionist and a health and disability specialist. Northwest AEA also works with children who have identified needs.

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

none

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center in 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.