

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | FULL license from 04-01-2019 to 04-01-2021 |
| | PROVISIONAL license from |
| | DENIAL of initial application |
| | SUSPENSION of license |
| | REVOCAION of license |

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Date: 02-18-2020

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit to East Union Early Childhood Center on 2-3-2020. The program is located in the East Union Community School building. During the school year the program provides preschool and wrap around child care services to preschool age children from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday (program time is 8:15 am to 3:15 pm). During the summer and school breaks i.e. Christmas break and spring break the program provides care to school age children. There are four program rooms. There are sixty one children enrolled. Hope Hall continues to be the Director, she has her Master’s Degree in Education. I met with Hope Hall during my visit. Donna Allen is the on-site supervisor. The program has a combination of NAEYC accredited, Empowerment, Shared Visions and Statewide Voluntary programs.

Observation of rooms:

Each room has a lead teacher with a Bachelor’s Degrees in teaching.

There are four program rooms, one room provides care to 2 1/2 to 3 year olds and the other three rooms provide care to 3 to 5 year olds.

All rooms looked great and have fun and inviting activity centers. My off year licensing visit was at the end of the day, wrap around programming was combined in two program rooms. One room had eight children and two staff present, the child were having fun having a book read to them and the other room had five children and one staff present, the children were having fun playing. The staff had wonderful interactions with the children, they were kind, patient and involved in programming. All rooms looked great and have fun and inviting activity centers. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The activity centers, equipment/toys are rotated on a frequent basis. Each teacher creates their own lesson plans/activities - the lesson plans looked good. Each room prepares a weekly newsletter for the parents.

The center has family fun nights every other month.

Each preschool room has gym and music class once a week with the respective elementary school teacher.

The center has good staff longevity, the staff enjoy their jobs and love working with the children.

Nutrition:

The center is on the federal food program. The school provides lunch and the center provides breakfast and snacks. During the summer the center provides the snacks and they participate in the free breakfast and lunch program. The children eat in their preschool rooms and meals are served family style.

The microwave is dirty and needs cleaned out. Staff should make sure the microwave is clean after each use.

Health and safety:

If a child is prescribed medication the center follows proper medication management procedures.

Five radon tests were completed in January 2019 and the test scores were in the acceptable range. The program has first aid kits.

The center has all electric appliances, and they have carbon monoxide detectors.

Fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented every month.

Annual fuel burning inspection - boiler inspections - please maintain copies of the current boiler inspections.

The program rooms have a timer for hand washing and brushing teeth.

There was confusion regarding the sanitizing procedure. Please make a referral to your child care nurse consultant for consultation and training. You should have a three bottle procedure 1. soap/water for cleaning, 2. water for rinsing and 3. bleach/water or another approved sanitizing product. If you are using bleach you will need to make sure your bleach is EPA approved, please refer to your bleach bottle for mixing instructions - if the information isn't on the bottle please refer to the website. also, please review the disinfecting procedure - for the diaper changing table with your child care nurse consultant - this requires the three bottle procedure also.

Playground:

The center has a wonderful nature explore outdoor classroom, and they were Nature Explore Certified in 2016. The area has a stage, digging, tunnels/tubes, sand box, benches, and a shed. Pea gravel is used for surfacing. The center practices and documents monthly playground inspections. Each room has an exit to the outdoor classroom.

Administrative records:

The center has all of the emergency procedures and the emergency preparedness plan.

Staff meetings are held monthly and Hope meets with staff individually bi monthly. Lead teachers collaborate every Monday, the lead teachers then collaborate with the staff in their own rooms. The lead teachers, Hope and AEA meet monthly for ICT intervention consultation team.

Please make sure you have current criminal and national (fingerprinting) record checks for each staff. A person in the office completes the record checks for the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center looks great and the preschool rooms have wonderful age and developmentally appropriate equipment. The center uses Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold, and the Gold reporting. The outdoor nature explore classroom is a terrific asset to the program and they truly embrace all it has to offer and want to expand the amount of time spent using the area. They are Nature Explore Certified.

The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and they have a level V.

Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they are positive and involved in programming.

Hope is very confident as the director, she is creative and very enthusiastic about the program.

The center uses a phone application called SeeSaw - The parents are tagged to look at their child's photos and the center newsletter is also on this phone application.

Family fun nights are held every other month. They include a parent education component and have provided information on a variety of topics such as bed time, eating meals together and vocabulary.

NAEYC and NAC Accreditation.

New in 2019/2020:

The center has received grants for equipment and supplies.

Shared visions/wrap around.

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

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. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

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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. Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.

Additional concerns: The microwave is dirty and needs cleaned out. Staff should make sure the microwave is clean after each use.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for East Union Early Childhood Center for 4-1-2019 to 4-1-2021.
Off year visit 2-3-2020.

*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.