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

Name of Center: Heart 2 Heart **Enrollment:** 32 **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: 04-24-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **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. For licensing, inspections are due at least every three years.

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:** 04-25-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 4/24/24. 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.

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 again hopes to have a new director in place who will report to the principal.

During the visit, all children were observed in the lower level. Children were engaged in different activities with the learning stations made available to them. Some children were playing with blocks. Some children were playing with dramatic play and manipulative toys. Children gave sufficient answers to questions about where they go for monthly fire and tornado drills. Staff were engaged with children and their activities. Good dialogue was overheard between children and staff.

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.

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 overall.

There is good communication between staff.

The program is back open for business and provides a need in the community. Enrollment has increased over the past year.

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.
There are still several areas on the playground where the black under tarp is exposed creating a potential tripping hazard (slides and swings). THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

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.
Radon testing was due no later than 1/2024 and is now past due. Just the classroom on the lower level needs to be tested.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
An AM schedule should also be posted.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
At least two credible food items need to be served. Cupcakes are also not considered a credible food item unless it is for a special occasion (i.e. birthdays).

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

As mentioned last year, 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 at least temporarily. This will need to be completed in 2024 before the school year ends.

The annual furnace inspection is scheduled for the week of 4/28/24 per the director/principal.

The program does not go on field trips.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. All staff will need to upload training into I - Power. Instructions on how to do so were emailed to the program after the visit concluded.

Toys should be sprayed/sanitized daily rather than weekly.

Children who attend this program also attend this school. Their physicals and immunizations are on file with the school. However, a section should be added to the enrollment/annual update paperwork stating so.

The center is still looking for a possible director who reports to the principal. CCR&R can also provide assistance with this task.

It is recommended that outdoor playground mats be purchased and placed under swings to help preserve the wood chip surfacing longer and better help keep wood chips in place.

*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.