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

Name of Center: Native American Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 24 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30100

Street: 1735 Morningside Ave **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 1735 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Roxie Murren **Phone Number:** 712-276-4030

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** naccc@outlook.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-08-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-01-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-30-2022

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		12	40		52
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

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

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 12-14-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was made to the center on 12-08-22 and spoke with Roxie Murren, director. Roxie has worked at the center for several years. Native American Child Care Center is a non-profit childcare program located in the lower level of Grace United Methodist Church. They have 3 rooms(2yr, 3yr, and 4/5 yr room) and serve 2yrs to 5 yr. Hours of the program is Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

There are 24 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 15 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. 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 during this time. The center has been cleaning 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, children's artwork and the alphabet. The center utilizes the Creative Curriculum and Gold in their teachings for the 4 year old preschool program.

The daily schedule was posted. The center uses Creative Curriculum, Gold Assessment, and Ages and Stages. The staff complete the lesson plans. The children's fun art work was displayed throughout the center. The center had participate in the four year old grant preschool program, however they lost their funding due to staffing. Even though they are no longer apart of the four year old preschool program they do follow that program. Parent teacher conferences are held twice a year and progress is discussed. Children have access to bathrooms and sinks.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Lunch is provided through the Sioux City School District. Breakfast 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 lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills need to be documented each month. Radon testing needs to be complete. If radon results is higher than a 4 then they need to retest and if still high need to contact a mitigator. The annual furnace inspection needs to be completed. The center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector.

Center Playground
A fenced in playground is located adjacent to the church. The playground has climbing equipment and a slide. Rubber tiles are around the playground equipment. Shade is available on the playground. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center no longer transports children to and from school.

Goals of the program: To update playground and redo surfacing and grassy area. Increase their numbers to center capacity. And Roxie is retiring in May 2023 and program will be looking at a new director.

Strengths of the program: The staff work well as a team and have a good relationship with the children and their families. They care about the children and have had trainings in crisis interventions.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Director feels that she has excellent teachers for the children they serve.

Monthly staff meeting are held. The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and they are currently a level 4 out of 5.

The classrooms provide a monthly newsletter and they send home notes.

Parent/teacher conferences are held in the spring and a home visit is done prior to school starting. In the fall the center has conferences for parents if they want to come but it is an informal conference.

The children's art work displayed.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 3

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 2

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: 4
Information lacking: Information was missing

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous 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.

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 director will email consultant by 01-15-23 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected. It is reminded to complete record checks as needed.

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.