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

Name of Center: Stella Sanford CDC - East **Enrollment:** 55 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51354

Street: 6100 Morningside Avenue **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

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

Director's Name: Danielle Haas **Phone Number:** 605-941-0676

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melissa Atwood **E-Mail:** dhaas@crittentoncenter.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-18-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-27-2021

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.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	34	37	37		108
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 01-19-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Stella Sanford Child Development Center - Eastside on 01-18-23 and spoke with Melissa Atwood onsite supervisor as Danielle Haas, new Director (in May 2022) was not available. Danelle Haas has her associates degree in Early Childhood and 5 years of experience in childcare. Erika Fuentes will still oversee the childcare programs but has stepped back to do other duties. Danelle is the director and oversees 3 other Crittenton Center childcare programs. Melissa Atwood has her Para Educator certificate and 2 years college working towards elementary education and has worked 8 years with the center. This center opened 03-01-21 at the old Siouxland Christian School building.

Center opened two additional rooms to add two infant care rooms - 6 weeks to 1 year, 1 year olds, 2/3 year room, 3/4 year old and 4/5 year old rooms. Center will now serve 6 weeks up to age 5 (children who enter kindergarten graduate the program). Capacity had increased from 40 to 108. Center has partnered with Mercy One Medical Center in August 2022 to assist childcare for staff who work at Mercy One. Hours of the program are 6:15am to 7:30pm Monday thru Friday to accommodate hospital staff hours.

The daycare is owned by the Crittenton Center. The program also partners with the Sanford Center who is also located in the building but serves school agers.

Currently there are 55 children enrolled, however at the time of the visit only 41 were present. The front door is locked and staff admit everyone into the building. The center opened March 1, 2021. The center continues to follow all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus. The center continues cleaning daily of toys that children use. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. All program rooms looked good and were in ratio. Each room has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment, toys and supplies. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were nurturing and kind. Children were observed in a variety of activities. Daily schedules of activities were posted. The children had their fun art work displayed throughout the center. Preschool Program is apart of the Preschool Initiative with the Sioux City School District.

The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. The kitchen is not accessible to the children. Lunches are provided by the Sioux City Community School District and prepared onsite. The center provides breakfast and snacks. The center has a kitchen to prep for lunches and simple breakfast. They also serve supper at 6:00pm if they still have children and they get their meals from HyVee as those meals are less than 10 children. Children do not have access to the kitchen. The center participates in the CACFP program. Menus were posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication, however, currently there are no children that the center gives medications to currently. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff. First aid kits are available and able to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills were documented each month. Radon test needs to be completed in all child occupied rooms. Annual heating inspection was completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Carbon monoxide detector is in each classroom.

A fenced in playground is adjacent to the building. Surfacing is rubber mulch area, grass and cement. The program had received grant monies to update the playground. They added new play equipment and an area for toddlers. New umbrella for shade. The center also had fixed cracked concrete, fixed the fence, and did rubber mulch area. The electrical box needs now have a barricade and sharp edges were covered. There is an area that has a slope to it which was alittle steep. They added more dirt but it is recommended to fence the area off to help with maintenance and any erosion that may occur. The center has a gym inside that they have access to when their is inclement weather. Monthly playground inspection are done. The center did have sewer smell that was coming from the bathroom and needs to be

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
They walk for field trips or take the city bus.

Staff files are located at the main site and will be reviewed at a later date.

Goals for the center: Get on NAEYC, IQ4K programs, staff trainings beyond what they are required, cameras in all the rooms, sink in the 2 year old room and lunch room.

Strengths of the center: The center has a good core group who are willing to help and support each other. The staff also have a good relationship with the children they serve.
Good communication with parents regarding the care of their children and being available to their parents if needed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center is on a QRS(Quality Rating System) of 4 out of 5.

They are apart of the Preschool Initiative Program.

Toys are at children's level and accessible.

Center displays children's art work in the rooms.

Good room arrangement throughout the center.

Center communicates with parents through their app.

Very positive interaction with the children.

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 1

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.
Bathroom has a sewer smell and needs to be looked into and fixed. The center's plumber happened to stop at the center to look at putting in a sink in the 2 and 3 year old room and it was brought to his attention and he will plan to look into it.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Director will email consultant by 02-28-23 confirming that items that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended 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.