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

Name of Center: Creston Head Start **Enrollment:** 41 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28283

Street: 901 N Elm St **City:** Creston Iowa **Zip** 50801 **County:** Union

Mailing Address: 209 N Elm St, Creston, IA, 50801

Director's Name: Joel Lamb **Phone Number:** 641-782-8002

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lelani, Lisa, Heidi, Whitney **E-Mail:** jlamb@maturaia.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-01-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 04-07-2022

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			60		60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-06-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Creston Head Start on 5-1-2024. The program is located in the Creston Early Childhood Center. Preschool services are provided Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For the 2023/2024 school year Creston Head Start partnered with the Creston Elementary preschool program and there were four Head Start rooms on the main floor of the school. Creston Head Start will move back to their previous program space downstairs for the 2024/2025 school year and they will have three program rooms. There are 41 children enrolled in the program.

Observation of rooms:
There were four program rooms for the 2023/2024 school year. The lead teachers are Room A. Lelani King, Room B. Lisa Massey (previous last name Konence), Room C. Heidi Hudson and Room D. Whitney Ngang. All program rooms looked great. The children were involved in a variety of activities; playing outside and activities in their rooms.
The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.

The curriculum is Creative Curriculum, Teaching Strategies Gold - there are studies and themes. Lesson plans/activities were present in each room. Parent teacher conferences are held throughout the year, goals and progress are discussed. Head Start provides ongoing training to staff and offers support to the staff and families.

Nutrition:
The program is on the federal food program. Breakfast, lunch and a snack are provided each day, the school prepares the food. Menus are provided on a monthly basis.

Health and Safety:
The program follows the medication management procedures/medication log when a child is prescribed medication. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The first aid kits were properly stocked. Make sure you have the current fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection. The Department of Education is responsible for completing radon testing.

Playground:
The head start program has their own playground area with equipment, slides and a tunnel. The surfacing is rubber tiles. The program also has riding toys, balls and other items that are taken outside. The program documents monthly playground inspections.

Transportation:
Parents can arrange transportation services through the Trolley if needed. The program doesn't take field trips that require transportation.

Administrative records:
Staff and child files were read at the Matura Action Corporation office on 4-30-2024. The Department of Health and Human Services form must be used for staff physicals - Whitney needs her physical on the DHHS staff physical form. Children and staff files are on Child Plus. Each program room has emergency contact information for the children.

The program has the required emergency policies and procedures.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Head Start is a wonderful resource for the community.
Staff were very friendly and helpful. The program receives grants for equipment and supplies.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 3-1-2024 to 3-1-2026.

*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.