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

Name of Center: HACAP Head Start-Iowa City Bloomington **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25117

Street: 318 E Bloomington St **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 318 E Bloomington St, Iowa City, IA, 52245

Director's Name: Gayle Dick **Phone Number:** 319-339-0632

On-Site Supervisor(s): Robin Pickart **E-Mail:** gdick@hacap.org, cregan@hacap.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-13-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-07-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-07-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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			48		48
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-17-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at HACAP Head Start-Iowa City Bloomington for an annual visit on 12/13/2023. The center is nonprofit. The center provides child care for preschool aged children. The center has 48 children enrolled. The center is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:30pm.

The center is inside of a commercial building. They currently use three classrooms, a breakroom room, offices, kitchen and outdoor area. The center's fire inspection was completed on 6/7/22.

The director is Gayle Dick. Gayle has a Bachelor's in Speech Pathologist with a Minor in Early Childhood Education. She has been with HACAP since 4/2016.

The on-site supervisor is Robin Pickart. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education. She also holds a valid teaching license. She started in 2006.

The center uses Creative Curriculum and Second Step.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

The center does not offer field trips. They do have guest speakers come into the center.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has NAEYC accreditation until 8/1/2025.
-The center collaborates with Grant Wood AEA, Public Health, I-Smile, University of Iowa Dental College, Iowa City Public Library, Iowa City Community School District.
-The center continues to collaborate with Table to Table to get healthy fresh produce for daily meals.
-The center has the librarian come in to read and sing once a month. They also had a family event at the library and introduced several families to the services they offer at the library.
-Staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level.
-Staff and child files were in full compliance.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.