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

Name of Center: English Head Start **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28745

Street: 1224 18th St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51104 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2700 Leech Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Rachael Ostermyer **Phone Number:** 712-293-0554

On-Site Supervisor(s): Justine Brand **E-Mail:** rostermyer@caasiouxland.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-21-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-14-2024

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

Date Inspected: 05-01-2024

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	8	8	44		60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2024 to 11-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 10-23-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 10-21-24 and visited with Justine Brand, onsite supervisor. Justine is also the onsite supervisor for 3 other headstart sites. This site serves EHS 6 weeks to 2 year old and Headstart for 3-5 year olds. This site has have 4 rooms, two rooms being EHS serving 6 weeks to 2 years and a 2 year old room. The EHS is a a year round programs. Headstart has a 3 yr old room and a 4/5 year old room. Capacity for this site is 60.

English Head Start is comprised of 2 program areas and two early headstart. The program operates Monday thru Thursday 8:30am to 3:30pm and Fridays 8:30am-1:30pm during the school year for Head start. EHS is year around with two weeks closed in August but on Fridays they are open until 3:30pm. The building is locked at all times. There is a buzzer outside the building to get into the center. Staff meet people at the door or buzz the people into the building.

There are 47 children enrolled in the program, at the time of the visit there were 45 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. The center continues 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, five senses, globe of the world, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities, sitting at the tables with the children during meals and reading stories to the children. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes the High Scope Curriculum Gold in their teachings. The program brushes teeth after breakfast and after lunch. It is recommended in the infant room to remove bobby pillows unless used for nursing mothers.

Staff files will be reviewed at another time as their files are maintained at the main office.

The center has two kitchens one on the upper level and another on the lower level. Lunch is obtained through the Sioux City Community School. Head Start provides snack and breakfast for the children. Refrigerators are clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. In one of the rooms cleaning products were in reach of children. When brought to staff's attention they removed them. Staff need to ensure that cleaning products are kept out of reach of children. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Annual heating inspection needs to be completed. Radon test was completed in all child occupied rooms, however in several rooms the results were high. The program needs to retest. The program does have a mitigation system at this site. If retesting results remain high they need to contact a mitigator to have system checked into. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies & procedures are in place.

A large fenced-in playground is located next to the building. The playground has updated part of the playground and changed from shredded rubber for cushioning to turf. The program has a large grassy area as well. The program has shade. The center does not transport the children. Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Goals of the program are to bring the infant room upstairs and have EHS all on one level and HS in the lower level.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Display children's art work in the room.

Very positive interaction with the children.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center is well organized.

Center has child size furniture throughout all the rooms

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

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. 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.
Cleaning products were within reach of children. Staff did remove them when brought to their attention.

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 level remains high and need to be retested to ensure within normal range.

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:

Program will email consultant by 11-24-24 confirming that all aspects 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.