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: Julie Lang **Phone Number:** 641-782-8002

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lisa, Janet, Heidi **E-Mail:** jlang@maturaia.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-15-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 03-13-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Creston Head Start on 2-15-2023. The program is located in the Creston Early Childhood Center. Preschool services are provided to children three to five years old, Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Creston preschool and pre-kindergarten/kindergarten are also located in the same building. Creston Head Start has three program rooms that are located downstairs. There are 41 children enrolled in the program.

Observation of rooms:
Room 2 which was previously closed re opened on January 9, 2023. The program rooms looked very nice and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment.
Room I - Lisa Konence is the teacher, she came to Head Start in August 2019, she previously worked for Head Start.
Room 2 - Janet Thompson is the lead teacher, she has been employed with Head Start.
Room 3 - Heidi Hudson is the lead teacher for the three year old room, she has been employed with Head Start since 2018.

The staff were attentive to the needs of the children.
All rooms were in ratio. The children in room 1 were having fun playing and the children in rooms 2 and 3 were taking a nap. Rooms 2 and 3 were too dark during nap time, and you couldn't see the children properly. You must have the room light enough to see all the children at all times, you should be able to see the children breathing/chest rise. The room arrangement in room 3 prevented staff from having direct observation of the children. Both of these violations were noted in my licensing visit last year on 4-11-2022. You will need to change your room arrangement of children during nap time to allow for direct observation of all children at all times.

The curriculum is Creative Curriculum, Teaching Strategies Gold - there are studies and themes. Lesson plans/activities were present in each room. Two rooms had the study of pets and one room had the study of building. 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 high school prepares breakfast and lunch, and the program provides their own snack. 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. The program has a carbon monoxide detector. Please let me know the date of the current fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection.

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:
Matura Action Corporation Head have the children and staff files online on Child Plus. Emergency contact information in child files were read - in room 2 - a few child files were missing emergency contact information for the dentist. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information.
Staff files are maintained at the Matura Action Corporation office in Creston.
The center needs the mandatory reporter posting.
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. They participate in the Quality Rating System and are a level 4.

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

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.
Information lacking: Room 2, a few child files needed emergency contact information for the dentist. Please review all children's files and make sure they have emergency contact information.

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.
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REPEAT VIOLATION - 109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room's arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
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Please make the corrections to the items listed above as soon as possible.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 3-1-2022 to 3-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 2-15-2023.

Please let me know the date of your annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection.

*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.