

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 01-01-2019 to 01-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

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Date: 12-17-2019

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 12/17/19. The program supervisor was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The Carroll County Head Start program is located in two classroom of a building on the main campus of New Opportunities . The program serves children three years in age through five years in age using the Creative Learning Curriculum Gold Series. Classes are held during the school year, Monday - Friday. Children attend 8:30am - 3:00pm or 11:30am - 3:00pm depending on which classroom they are in.

The director of this program as well as other New Opportunities Head Start programs is Tonya Weber. Tonya has her BA degree in Human Services and meets the qualifications for her position. The on-site supervisor is Michelle Case. Michelle has a BA degree in Elementary Education and has over 10 years of experience working in the school or child care setting.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Hy-Vee caters in lunch. The program also participates in the food program (CACFP). Finally, the program has a dietician review all meals.

The program uses the same handbook and has the same health and safety procedures/checklists as other programs operated by New Opportunities.

Parental involvement and communication is highly stressed by the program. Weekly newsletters, two parent teacher conferences, and two homes visits are conducted throughout the year. Special activities where parents come to the program are also held.

Weekly staff meetings are held. Monthly meetings are held with other New Opportunities Head Start Programs.

The program has some additional information available through New Opportunities' website.

Dental, vision, behavioral, educational, and developmental screenings are provided to children free of charge.

Good staff-child interactions were observed. A community representative was visiting the program and reading a story to the children and then there was dialogue about that story and the children's interpretations of the story.

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

109.10(3)b: For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.

One child has a diaper cream to be used as needed. If the diaper cream is not used on any given day, this should also be documented on the medication form.

109.12(4): 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.

Bedding on cots shouldn't be in direct contact with each other. Bedding should be stored in a more sufficient manner.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The annual furnace inspection was last completed 10/25/19.

Radon testing is due every two years and was last tested 10/25/19 - 10/28/19. Both classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff.

The center will be adding a program or two to the existing programs tentatively planned in about a year from now. The center is in the process of taking bids. These new programs will either be on campus or they will be located at a different location. If at a different location, another license will be needed.

*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.