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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Orange City Head Start

Provider No.: 30221

Address: 1103 Lincoln Circle SE, Orange City, IA, 51041

County: Sioux

Director's Name: Kendra Rensink

On-Site Supervisor: Betty Steenblock

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HHS Visit Date: 09/25/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/01/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 3

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit to this center on 09/25/25. I was able to speak with Betty Steenblock, onsite supervisor. Ms. Steenblock has an elementary education degree with early childhood endorsement and over thirty years' experience working with children. The Orange City Head Start is located in one of the lower rooms in the Crittenton Daycare Center. It is open Monday through Thursday from 9:15am to 1:15pm. The program serves children ages 3 to 5 years old. The Head Start program is blended in with the universal preschool program in the building.

The areas observed include classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

There are 16 children enrolled in this program, and 16 children were present at the time of my visit. This is a multilingual classroom; therefore, all materials are presented in both English and Spanish. Labels throughout the room are written in both languages. The environment is enriched with displays that include numbers, seasons, children's artwork, family photos, a picture schedule, shapes, and the alphabet. The center maintains a variety of interest areas that support independent learning through play. Learning centers observed included music, toys, books, blocks, puzzles, dramatic play, science, writing, puppets, sand/water, housekeeping, and art. A sufficient supply of toys and equipment was available and appropriate for the number of children present.

During the visit, I observed an activity where children engaged with scarves to practice both gross and fine motor skills. The children danced around the room, moving their scarves in response to their teacher's directions. This activity supported coordination, listening skills, and creative expression. It also reflected the High Scope curriculum approach, which emphasizes active, hands-on learning experiences that encourage children to explore movement, follow directions, and build confidence through play.
One of the learning centers features a water table, enhanced by a creative design element. Staff have innovatively utilized PVC piping to construct a functional spigot, allowing water to flow into and fill the table, adding an engaging and hands-on element to children's exploration.

Daily schedule of activities was posted. Meals are prepared by the MOC school district which are delivered to the Orange City Daycare. Menus were posted. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. The center uses engaging songs as part of daily routines to encourage and reinforce proper tooth brushing and handwashing habits.

Monthly Fire drills and Tornado drills were completed along with playground inspections. Radon testing was completed and under level. Fire Inspection has been completed.
The center has a large fenced-in playground adjacent to the building that they share with Daycare. The playground has

slides and climbing equipment with surface material (wood chips) throughout the area. This area needs more wood chips. They do have Shade. HeadStart class also has access to the childcare gym for alternative outside play when there is inclement weather. playground surfacing on the playground along with more shade

They utilize HeadStart buses for transportation.

The center is well organized and very clean.

Goals of the program is to continue to work on their IQ4K level.

The center uses the Head Start bus to transport the children to and from the program.

Center strengths staff have a good relationship with the families they serve, the orange city daycare, and community. Staff work well as a team and have a good routine with the children they serve.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff consistently engaged with the children, offering supportive guidance, constructive redirection, and enjoyable learning moments.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress, and they also complete home visits.

The positive environment promotes learning.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)d: 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.

109.11(4)a: Center must have safe outdoor program area adjacent to the center, with sufficient square footage to accommodate at least 30 percent of the enrollment capacity at any one time at 75 spear feet per child. Outdoor space must: Be free from litter and unsafe materials and free from contamination by the drainage or ponding of sewage or storm water. Include safe play equipment and an area of shade. Include fencing to protect from bodies of water or vehicular traffic.

The playground needs more fall surfacing.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Center will email consultant by 12/1/25 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected or a plan in place.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

Date: 09/26/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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