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

**Name of Center:** Orange City Head Start **Enrollment:** 21 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30221

**Street:** 1103 Lincoln Circle SE **City:** Orange City Iowa **Zip** 51041 **County:** Sioux

**Mailing Address:** 418 S Marion St, Remsen, IA, 51050

**Director's Name:** Kendra Rensink **Phone Number:** 712-737-3889

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Betty Steenblock **E-Mail:** krensink@midsioux.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 09-23-2024

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-02-2024

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

**Date Inspected:** 10-13-2021

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | | | 20 | | 20 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 3

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Jana Drew **Date:** 09-24-2024

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Visited the center on 09-23-24 and spoke with Betty Steenblock, onsite supervisor. Ms Steenblock has an elementary education degree with an early childhood endorsement and thirty years experience working with children. Orange City Head Start is located in one room on the lower level, in the same building as the Orange City Daycare Center now the Crritenton Center Childcare Development. The center operates Monday through Thursday 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. This is a multi-lingual room therefore everything is read in English and Spanish.

There are 21 children enrolled in the program, however, eleven of the children attend universal preschool program. Therefore, there were 8 of the 10 kids were present at the time of the visit. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues cleaning toys daily that children use. The childcare center has a cleaning service that comes in every night to clean as well.

The center has the following areas throughout the center for the children to explore and learn: music, toys, books, blocks, puzzles, dramatic play, science, writing, puppets, sand/water table, house area and art. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathrooms. The program has a variety of play/learning centers located throughout the room. Daily picture schedule at the children's level. Everything in the room is labeled in English and Spanish. Displayed throughout the room were numbers, seasons, pictures of the children, picture schedule for the children, display children's artwork, pictures of children's families, shapes and the alphabet. Daily schedule of activities was posted.

Meals are prepared by the MOC school district which are delivered to the Orange City Daycare. The daycare then administers the food. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted. In reviewing administrative records all required notices were present and posted in an area that was readily available and visible to parents and visitors. Staff files will be reviewed at the programs central office at a later date and any issues identified will be addressed at that time. A random selection of child files found each reviewed file contained all required forms and contact information. All required inspection logs, and certificates were current and available.

The center has a large fenced-in playground adjacent to the building that they share with the Daycare. The playground has slides, and climbing equipment with surfacing material (wood chips) throughout the area. The daycare center maintains the playground. Headstart class also has access to the childcare gym for alternative outside play when their is inclement weather. The playground has added additional shade. There is also an corner area of the turf that the turf has come up which may cause a tripping hazard. They have put a picnic table in the area to avoid the tripping hazard until it is fixed. The child care center has changed hands but are still looking at putting in either new turf or other playground surfacing on the playground along with more shade structures. Fire/tornado drills are completed. Furnace is all electric. Radon tests was within normal range.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips

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

Center's goals are to continue collaboratin with the new Crittenton Center Childcare Center and for Ms. Betty to complte some schooling in birth to 3 year old all inclusive 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.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

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

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center is well organized.

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

**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.
Playground surfacing has areas of turf/woodchips that need to be redone or fixed.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Center will email consultant by 10-31-24 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.

*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.