

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

Name of Center: Missouri Valley Head Start Preschool **Enrollment:** 5 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6525

Street: 109 1/2 E Michigan St **City:** Missouri Valley Iowa **Zip:** 51555 **County:** Harrison

Mailing Address: PO Box 709, Harlan, IA, 51537

Director's Name: Lavenia Coover **Phone Number:** 712-642-4481

On-Site Supervisor(s): Shannon Benjamin **E-Mail:** wmueller@westcca.org,
lcoover@westcca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-08-2020

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

Date Inspected: 07-25-2018

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 05-01-2019 to 05-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCAION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 10-09-2020

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This consultant made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Missouri Valley Head Start on 10-8-2020. Shannon Benjamin began working for Head Start in January 2020. The program is located in a one story building that also houses school district administrative offices. There are five children enrolled in the program. The program provides preschool services during the school year from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on Mondays and 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday through Friday.

The center closed in March 2020 and reopened on 9-1-2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The center follows the daily Covid 19 recommendations i.e. temperature taking.

Observation of room:

The program moved to their new room in the 2020 (They were previously in this program room a couple years ago). The children were eating lunch. There were five children and two staff present. The staff had excellent interactions with the children.

The center is using Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold. The lesson plans looked great and they are currently working on the study of pets.

Nutrition:

Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided each day (breakfast and snack on Mondays), the food is catered from Treat America/Company Kitchen. The monthly menus are posted.

Health and Safety:

Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.

Radon testing was done in December 2019, with a test score of 0.4 pCi/L.

Playground:

The center has a fenced playground area. Monthly playground safety checks are documented.

Transportation:

The center doesn't provide daily transportation.

Administration records:

The children's emergency medical contact information was reviewed and was in excellent order.

Staff files were read on a previous date and were in excellent order.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff had excellent interactions with the children. The center receives excellent community support.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 5-1-2019 to 5-1-2021.
Off year licensing visit 10-8-2020.

*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.

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