

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

**Name of Center:** Missouri Valley Head Start Preschool      **Enrollment:** 12      **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):** Chelsey Staben      **E-Mail:** jdirks@westcca.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 04-11-2017

X    **Licensing Visit**                      X    **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:** 02-28-2017

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

**Date Inspected:** 03-15-2017

**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**

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

**QRS Rating:**   N/A

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 05-01-2017 to 05-01-2019
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCACTION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 04-24-2017

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

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

This consultant made an unannounced licensing visit to Missouri Valley Head Start on 4/11/17. Chelsey Staben is the lead teacher, she began working for Head Start in April 2016. Chelsey has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an Early Childhood Endorsement. She has been a teacher and has worked for Head Start previously. Ruth is a teacher and she has worked at Head Start for almost three years. The program is located in a one story building that also houses school district administrative offices. There are twelve children enrolled in the program. The program provides preschool services during the school year from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. The staff and children were observed in the program room.

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

Staff were helpful during my off year visit. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive, and involved in programming. The staff are very proud of the Head Start program. The center has a very active parent group. Speakers are invited to talk to the parents on a variety of topics i.e. car seat safety, the elementary school principal. The center receives excellent community support.

New in 2017/2018

Treat America caters the meals for the program.

The program will provide programming during the school year only (no summer program)

New equipment and supplies. A new piece of equipment was added to the playground.

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

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for 5-1-2017 to 5-1-2019.

\*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.