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

Name of Center: Mills County Head Start **Enrollment:** 9 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52700

Street: 58962 380th Street **City:** Hastings Iowa **Zip** 51540 **County:** Mills

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

Director's Name: Danni Segebart **Phone Number:** 712-755-7537

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** dsegebart@westcca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-08-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-17-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-16-2024

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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			16		16
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
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: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-18-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Mills County Head Start on 11-8-2024, this a new center that opened on 10-31-2024. A previous visit was made on 10-28-2024 and permission to open without a license was given. The center is located in the old East Mills school in Hastings, Iowa. Services are offered to children three to five years old, the hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:15 am to 3:15 pm and Wednesday 8:15 am to 12:30 pm during the school year. Danni Segebart is the director and Michaela Baratta is the lead teacher.
I met with Michaela and Andrea during my licensing visit.
Nine children are enrolled.

Observation of room:
The program room looks great and has a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment, the room is arranged with fun activity centers. Michaela and Andrea were present with one child during my licensing visit. The child was having fun playing in the activity centers. The staff had excellent interaction with the child, they were positive, nurturing and having fun with the child. They have lesson plans/activities, the current study was "Beginning Of The Year" and it includes literacy, colors and shapes. The next study will be "Pets".
There is a bathroom in the program room with two toilets and two sinks at the counter, one sink has a water fountain on it - the water fountains are discouraged due to children putting their mouths on them.

Nutrition:
Treat America/Company Kitchen delivers the meals everyday. Menus are posted.

Health and safety:
Please begin practicing and documenting the monthly fie/tornado drills.
Staff will follow medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication and they have the medication log. It was reported that the building has all electric appliances (If your building has fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection). Please refer to the DHHS handbook for information on radon testing.

Playground:
There is a nice playground. Please begin completing the monthly playground safety checks.

Transportation:
The SWITA (Southwest Iowa Transit Agency) bus will provide pick up locations in Glenwood and Malvern.

Administrative records:
The child files have the emergency contact information for family, pick up information and doctor and dentist information.
Head Start provides staff training on an ongoing basis.
A monthly newsletter is provided to parents.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Mills County Head Start is a wonderful resource for the community.
Michaela Baratta is very enthusiastic and excited about the new center. Staff had excellent interactions with the child, they were positive and nurturing. Children participate in fun educational learning experiences on a daily basis.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 10-1-2024 to 10-1-2026.

*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.