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

Name of Center: English Head Start **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28745

Street: 1224 18th St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51104 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2700 Leech Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Rachael Ostermyer **Phone Number:** 712-293-0554

On-Site Supervisor(s): Justine Brand **E-Mail:** rostermyer@caasiouxland.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-30-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 09-09-2022

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

Date Inspected: 10-25-2023

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.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	8	44		60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-08-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 10-24-22. Justine Brand is the new onsite supervisor as Robert Kratz resigned. Justine also the onsite supervisor for 3 other headstart sites. This site serves EHS 6 weeks to 2 year old and Headstart for 3-5 year olds. This site has have 4 rooms, two rooms being EHS serving 6 weeks to 2 years and a 2 year old room. The EHS is a a year round programs. Headstart has a 3 yr old room and a 4/5 year old room. Capacity for this site is 60.

English Head Start is comprised of 2 program areas and two early headstart. The program operates Monday 8:30am to 2:30pm. Tuesday through Friday 8:30am-3:30pm during the school year for Head start and EHS is year around with two weeks closed in August. The building is locked at all times. There is a buzzer outside the building to get into the center. Staff meet people at the door or buzz the people into the building.

There are 49 children enrolled in the program, at the time of the visit there were 39 children present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center continues cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, five senses, globe of the world, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities, sitting at the tables with the children during meals and reading stories to the children. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes the High Scope Curriculum Gold in their teachings. The program brushes teeth after breakfast and after lunch.

Staff files will be reviewed at another time as their files are maintained at the main office.

The center has two kitchens one on the upper level and another on the lower level. Lunch is obtained through the Sioux City Community School. Head Start provides snack and breakfast for the children. Refrigerators are clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Annual heating inspection needs to be completed. Radon test was completed in all child occupied rooms. Some rooms were higher and need to be retested. They have a radon mitigation system at this site. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies & procedures are in place.

A large fenced-in playground is located next to the building. The playground has shredded rubber for cushioning and has

shade. The center does not transport the children. Monthly playground inspections was not available at the time of the visit.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Display children's art work in the room.

Very positive interaction with the children.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center is well organized.

Center has child size furniture throughout all the rooms

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

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

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

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 1

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Program will email consultant by 12-03-23 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended 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.