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

Name of Center: Carroll County Head Start AM & PM **Enrollment:** 37 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6221

Street: 23751 Highway 30 **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: PO Box 427, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Tonya Weber **Phone Number:** 712-792-9266

On-Site Supervisor(s): Michelle Case and Madysen Gardewine **E-Mail:** tweber@newopp.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-21-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **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: 07-19-2023

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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	0	0	40	0	40
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2025 to 01-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 10-28-2024

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 Carroll County Head Start AM & PM on 10-21-2024. The Carroll County Head Start program is located in two classroom of a building on the main campus of New Opportunities. The center moved back into this location in January 2023 after renovations were made after the fire in 10-2021. The program was temporarily moved to New Opportunities Inc. Carroll Early Head Start after the fire in 10-2021. The program serves children three to five years old. Classes are held Monday - Friday during the school year only. Children attend either AM, or PM, or full days depending on which classroom they are in.

The director of this program as well as other New Opportunities Head Start programs is Tonya Weber. Tonya has her BA degree in Human Services. Michelle Case is the on-site supervisor for room 1, she has a BA degree in Elementary Education and has over 10 years of experience working in the school or child care setting. Madysen Gardewine is the on-site supervisor for room 2, she has an AA degree and has past experience working in child care.
The three year old full day program was in session. Thirteen children were present and it was nap time, staff were attentive to the needs of the children. The four year old program wasn't there during my licensing visit as they don't have programming on Mondays.

Observation of room:
Both program rooms looked great. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The three year old full day program was in session. Thirteen children were present and it was nap time, staff were attentive to the needs of the children. The four year old program wasn't there during my licensing visit as they don't have programming on Mondays. Creative Curriculum Teaching Strategies Gold is used. The program has lesson plans/activities.
Parental involvement and communication is highly stressed by the program. Weekly newsletters, two parent teacher conferences, and two homes visits are conducted throughout the year. Family activities are held during the school year. Different agencies visit the center for informative and educational presentations to children.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided daily. The food is prepared at Carroll Early Head Start and delivered each day. Menus were posted.
The program participates in the federal food program (CACFP) and a dietician reviews menus.
Proper storage was observed in the kitchen.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication.
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing was completed in 7-2023 with radon test scores of 0.3 pCi/L and 0.7 pCi/L.
A fuel burning, HVAC inspection was done in 5-2023, if you have fuel burning appliances make sure you have an annual fuel burning inspection. The center has a built in carbon monoxide detector system.
Dental, vision, behavioral, educational, and developmental screenings are provided to children free of charge.

Playground:
The playground area looked great and is fenced. Daily and Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
Some children receive school bus transportation.

Administrative records:
Child files were reviewed and had the required emergency medical contact information.
Staff meetings are held frequently.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff were attentive to the needs of the children.
The program has additional information available through New Opportunities' website.
The center participates in IQ4K and are a level 2.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 1-1-2025 to 1-1-2027.

*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.