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

Name of Center: Stella Sanford Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 39 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30096

Street: 1724 Geneva St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51103 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 1724 Geneva ST, Sioux City, IA, 51103

Director's Name: Danielle Haas **Phone Number:** 712-255-6832

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jessica Fletcher **E-Mail:** dhaas@crittentoncenter.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-26-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 04-15-2021

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

Date Inspected: 06-02-2022

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X 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			60	24	84
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 05-03-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Stella Sanford Child Development Center on 04-26-23 and spoke with Danielle Haas, director and new onsite supervisor Jessica Fletcher as Erika Fuentes will still oversee the childcare programs but has stepped back to do other duties. Danielle Haas, new Director (in May 2022) has her associates degree in Early Childhood and 6 years of experience in childcare. Danelle is the director and oversees 3 other Crittenton Center childcare programs. The center consists of a 2 year old room, 3 year old room, a preschool room and a kitchen. Children do not have access to the kitchen. Meals are obtained through the Sioux City School District. The daycare is owned by the Crittenton Center. Currently there are 45 children enrolled. The center operates year round Monday through Friday 6:30am to 5:15pm. The center serves children ages 2 years to Kindergarten. The front door is locked and staff admit everyone into the building. The center has been opened since 1992.

There are 39 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 33 children present. 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. The Center also has a cleaning crew that comes in the evening to do the major cleaning. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. The kitchen is not accessible to the children. All meals are provided by the Sioux City Community School District and prepared onsite. The center participates in the CACFP program. Menus were posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff. First aid kits are available and able to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills were documented each month. Radon test was high and needs to be retested. Radon mitigatory has been contacted. The last time radon was high was in 2019 and mitigation radon levels were addressed in July 2019. Annual heating inspection was completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Carbon monoxide detector is in each classroom.

A fenced in playground is adjacent to the building. Surfacing material around all climbing equipment. Surfacing material (ground-up rubber) is around all the playground equipment. The playground has slides, climbing equipment, a large sandbox, basketball hoop, teeter totter, various toys and kitchen. Shade is available on the playground. Monthly playground inspection is complete. The asphalt area of the playground has several areas where it is buckling and now a tripping hazard. The center is aware and is looking at fixing or other surfacing alternatives.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
They walk for field trips or take the city bus.

Goals for the center: Update the playgrounds surfacing. The center has put cameras outside the building and will look at

putting them in classrooms. For staff to get ongoing training hours completed. Get on the IQ4K program. Center started a parent advisory board and wanting to increase members.

The center has a good core group who are willing to help and support each other. The staff also have a good relationship with the children they serve. The center has completed new painting and flooring. Center has put in new kids toilets and a new furnace. They also are using the Procare app. for families to check children in electronically, for billing, and for the center to communicate with families.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Toys are at children's level and accessible.

Center displays children's art work in the rooms.

QRS rating of 4 out of 5 stars.

NAEYC accredited.

Good room arrangement throughout the center.

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

Center has staff who have been with them for more than 2 years.

Center preschool is part of the preschool initiative program. The center also uses the GOLD assessments.

Very positive interaction with the children.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 3

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to

reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
The playground asphalt surfacing is buckling and can be a tripping hazard. The program is looking at new surfacing to address.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center needs to email licensing consultant by 05-26-23 confirming they have corrected those those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards.

A full license will remain in effect 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.