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

**Name of Center:** CAEI-Clinton Head Start and Early Head Start **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18189

**Street:** 350 5th Ave N **City:** Clinton Iowa **Zip** 52732 **County:** Clinton

**Mailing Address:** 500 E 59th St, Davenport, IA, 52807

**Director's Name:** Lisa Raya **Phone Number:** 563-324-3236

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Nichole Kerker **E-Mail:** lraya@caeiowa.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 01-09-2025, 06-03-2024

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

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

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

**Date Inspected:** 08-22-2023

**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:** X 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* | *Summary Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 8 | 16 | 17 | | 41 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 3

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
|---|---|
| X | **FULL** license from 03-01-2025 to 03-01-2027 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-21-2025

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

N/A

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

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 1/9/25. Nichole Kerker is the on site supervisor, and she was present on the day of the visit along with other staff. Staff files were reviewed at a separate visit to the main Head Start office on 6/3/24. This program is part of the Community Action of Eastern Iowa (CAEI) organization. There is a well-defined administrative structure for CAEI. This large Head Start and Early Head Start location now operates in one building with four rooms in operation. The center serves children age infant through five years old. Only the EHS rooms offer services all year. The head start room operates school year only. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The four rooms are as follows: Room one (toddlers, two through three years), room two (toddlers, two through three years), room three (infants, zero through 23 months), room four (head start, three through five years). All program areas are generally well stocked with age appropriate materials and supplies. Program rooms are generally arranged with the typical learning/activity centers. One program room includes a restroom area immediately adjacent to the program room. Other program rooms required some travel into another, separated, adjacent area to the room for restroom and hand washing activities. Program rooms include sinks within the program rooms for hand washing and/or food/bottle preparation activities. Infant and toddler rooms include diapering stations within the program room and immediately nearby to a hand washing sink as required.

The center serves breakfast and lunch. The center does participate in the CACFP. Food is catered to the center from a local catering business with final prep occurring in the center's kitchen area before going out to the program rooms. The center has on file the caterer's city of Moline (Illinois) license. The kitchen area appears very clean and organized.

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

The program continues to be very well managed by an experienced on site supervisor. Staff appear to work well together. The center has achieved level three IQ4K through 4/30/26. The infant and toddler rooms continue to complete individualized activity/lesson planning for the children which is excellent. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities, and the children appeared to be enjoying their time at the center in all program rooms. Program rooms are generally spacious, bright with windows, and children's arts/crafts are on display. Required licensing documentation and files were again found to be highly organized.

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

N/A

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The administrative change aspect of this report is completed to reflect the updated license capacity for the center based on the removal of the second building from the license and based on the current configurations of rooms in the main building. The individual room capacities are as follows:
Room 1 (two to three year old) = 8 children
Room 2 (two to three year old) = 8 children
Room 3 (Infants) = 8 children
Room 4 (three to five year old) = 17 children

This center will continue with a full license. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.