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

Name of Center: Drake University Head Start-Ashworth **Enrollment:** 25 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28311

Street: 1025 28th St **City:** West Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50266 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3800 Merle Hay Rd Suite 323 , Des Moines, IA, 50310

Director's Name: Lisa Proctor **Phone Number:** 515-271-1854

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kristen Glenn **E-Mail:** Kimberly.puetz@drake.edu

Date(s) of Visit: 01-27-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 02-02-2021

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

Date Inspected: 03-30-2021

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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	34		42
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 02-05-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Drake Head Start - Ashworth Center has been in operation since 2005. This program is located at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Des Moines. The center has a secured entrance that parents use. This Head Start program has one toddler classroom. The toddler program is a year round program. Children served are two and three years of age. There are two traditional classrooms, which serve children ages three through five. These classes operate only during the school year.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Schedules and lesson plans are in place by classroom entrances.

Two classrooms were observed today, Ashworth 2 and Toddlers. Ashworth 1 is being held online at this time.
Ashworth 2 had ten children present. Heather Armstrong is the lead teacher. There was a teacher assistant in the classroom also.
Toddlers had five children present. Kristen Glenn is the lead teacher. There was a teacher assistant in the classroom also.
Children were observed in their classrooms. Ashworth 2 was observed in the gym also. Children were observed individual play and learning time, teacher led activities and during lunch. Teachers were actively engaged with the children's activities throughout the visit.

The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center gets meals from West Des Moines Schools. Menus are on a four week rotation. Lunch served today was cheese pizza, green beans, pears and milk.

The center's playground has fencing. There is rubber tiles for surfacing. The center completes monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Head Start Preschools are well supported. The classrooms have many learning centers that are filled with age appropriate learning and play materials that children have easy access to. The preschool provides young children a quality early education program. Children benefit from Head Start's ability to have other early childhood professionals participate and support children's educational and health needs. Head Start Programs do a good job maintaining administrative records.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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