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

Name of Center: Crittenton Center's Liberty Preschool **Enrollment:** 17 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36231

Street: 1623 Rebecca ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51103 **County:** Woodbury

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

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

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

Date(s) of Visit: 11-15-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-26-2022

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

Date Inspected: 07-28-2022

Comments : The program only has one room for the preschool program and was moved to a different location. Capacity is therefore, reduced to 20. Also, Daniella Haas is the director for this program as Erika Fuentes is doing other duties within the Crittenton Center.

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.) 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			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-16-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Crittenton Center's Liberty Preschool on 11-15-23 and spoke with onsite supervisor/lead staff as Shawna Gallordo. Ms Gallordo has her bachelors in elementary education and has worked with children for fifteen years. Daniella Haas took over as director of the program. Ms Haas is the director for other Crittenton Center sites. The preschool room was moved to a new location to the kindergarten wing with this school year. They also were reduced to only one classroom within Liberty Elementary school. Capacity is therefore, reduced to 20. The program is operated by the Crittenton Center. The program operates Monday through Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm during the school year. They serve 4 to 5 year olds in the preschool initiative program. The doors are locked and people must use a buzzer to gain access to the building.

There are 17 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit only 14 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. The 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 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 to cleans toys that children use. Preschool started on 09-05-23 for the 2023/2024 school year. Out of the 17 children enrolled, only 11 children stay all day and rest in the afternoon.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Sioux City school system provides the lunch and snacks are provided by the center. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted.

Center Health & Safety
Medication is stored in a locked area, out of reach of the children, although they currently are not administering any meds. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Annual heating inspection was not available at the time of the visit. Radon tests are complete. 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.

Center Playground
The center has a large fenced-in playground that they share with Liberty elementary school. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. Rubber squares surround the play equipment. School handles playground inspection. Shade is available on the playground. The program provides outside toys for the children to play with. At the time of the visit the playground was not observed due to inclement weather. This will be reviewed at a later date.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center does not transport the children.

Center Administrative Records
All the required postings were visible. The center's discipline practices consist of talking to the children, redirection and thinking time.

Goals of the program are to strive in helping the children to be independent and to master their social skills.

Strengths of the program are that the staff work well as a team and have a good relationship with the children/families that they serve and the school.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center uses Procare app to communicate with parents to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

The classroom is well organized

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

Part of the preschool initiative

Very positive interaction with the children.

Picture schedule of daily activities for the children.

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

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: 1

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:

The center needs to email consultant by 12-14-23 confirming that those aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time 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.