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

Name of Center: Corning Head Start **Enrollment:** 21 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28428

Street: 905 Benton Ave **City:** Corning Iowa **Zip** 50841 **County:** Adams

Mailing Address: 905 Benton Ave, Corning, IA, 50841

Director's Name: Stephanie Haffner **Phone Number:** 641-322-4601

On-Site Supervisor(s): Chris Wirtz **E-Mail:** shaffner@maturaia.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-05-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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: 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: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2025 to 09-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 02-20-2025

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 Corning Head Start on 2-5-2025. The center is located in the same building as Southwest Valley Schools Early Childhood Center. Preschool services are provided Tuesday through Friday, there is a morning and afternoon session.
Stephanie Haffner is the director and Chris Wirtz is the lead teacher. There are 21 children enrolled.

Observation of room:
I met with Chris Wirtz during my licensing visit.
The center was in ratio and the room looked great and is arranged with fun activity centers. The equipment is rotated on a regular basis.
The lesson plans looked great, the current study was balls.
The children were having fun participating in a variety of activities including a food experience for daily month - the children were tasting different kinds of cheese.
The center provides a monthly newsletter to the families.
The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.

Nutrition:
A local school provides the breakfast, lunch and snack. Chris said the school follows the CACFP guidelines and menus are posted.

Health and safety:
The program rents the space from the school and the school is responsible for radon testing. Radon testing was completed in December 2023 with test results of 6.2 pCi/L and 5.9 pCi/L and they retested in February of 2024 with test results of 6.7 pCi/L and 6.4 pCi/L. Radon test scores must be under a 4.0 pCi/L. - the center will be moving in July /August 2025. The center has all electric appliances.
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.

Playground:
The center shares the playground space with Southwest Valley Schools Early Childhood Center. A new playground was completed in May 2022. The playground has a climbing structure, two toddler swings, two regular swings, a merry go round and padded surfacing.
Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. The Trolley provides transportation to some of the children.

Administrative records:
Chris Wirtz's staff file review with director Stephanie Haffner on the phone on 2-20-2025 - file was in excellent order.
Staff meetings are held on a regular basis.

Head Start provides a variety of training for staff.
Child files had the required emergency contact information.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Corning Head Start is a wonderful resource for the community.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they are positive and attentive to he needs of the children.
Chris reported that the program plans to move to a new location at the school in Corning in 2025.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 9-1-2025 to 9-1-2027.

*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.