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:** 40 **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: 01-29-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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: 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*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	24	8	36		68
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-30-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 1/29/24. Nichole Kerker is the on site supervisor, however, she was not able to be present on the day of the visit. Amanda Bond is an approved on site supervisor for the CAEI programs and was present along with other staff. 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 operates in two buildings located on the same property with a total of six different program rooms, however, only four rooms are currently operating and one of those was not in session on the day of the visit. The center serves children age infant through five years old. Only the EHS rooms offer services all year. The other program rooms are school year only. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The program is currently using three rooms in the main building: Clinton 2 (transition, 18 months to two years), Clinton 1 (toddlers, two through three years), and Clinton 5 (three through five years, not in session on the day of this visit due to staffing); and one room in the smaller building: Clinton 3 (zero through 23 months). All program areas are generally well stocked with age appropriate materials and supplies. Program rooms are generally arranged with the typical learning/activity centers. Two program rooms include restroom areas 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. Some program rooms include sinks within the program rooms. 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 is well managed by an experienced on site supervisor. Staff appear to work well together. The center has achieved a four star QRS rating through 3/31/24. The infant and twos 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 found to be highly organized.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Improve storage of food and food service items in the Clinton 5 room. These items shall be maintained in a separate and sanitary location from other miscellaneous items, and not out in the open where they can be easily contaminated.

This center will continue with a full license. Please address the item noted above so that corrections are obvious and ensure compliance. 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.