

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 05-01-2017 to 05-01-2019
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 05-14-2018

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This consultant made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Missouri Valley Head Start on 5-14-18. The center was operating this school year from September 2017 to December 2017, the center closed from December 2017 until April 15th 2018 because they needed a staff with the required credentials. Claire White began working at the center on 4-16-2018. She had previously worked at Head Starts in Clarinda and Red Oak for five years. Courtney is the Assistant/food service staff and began working for Head Start in May 2018. The program is located in a one story building that also houses school district administrative offices. There are eight children enrolled in the program. The program provides preschool services during the school year from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. The center will be open during the summer of 2018 because of the months they were closed in 2017/2018.

The staff and children were observed in the program room.

Observation of room:

The room looked great and is organized into activity centers. The children were observed playing and getting picked up for the day.

Nutrition:

Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided each day (breakfast and snack on Mondays), the food is catered from Treat America/Company Kitchen. The monthly menus are posted.

Health and Safety:

The center began practicing and documenting the monthly fire/tornado drills in April 2018. Radon testing was done in July 2017 with at test score of 4.0 pCi/L.

Playground:

The center has a fenced playground area. Monthly playground safety checks are maintained.

Transportation:

The center doesn't provide daily transportation.

Administration records:

The children's emergency medical contact information was reviewed and was in excellent order.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Claire was very helpful during my off year visit. Claire and Courtney had excellent interactions with the children. Claire is very excited to be the teacher at Missouri Valley Head Start. The center receives excellent community support. Area

Education works with some children.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 5-1-2017 to 5-1-2019.
Off year licensing visit 5-14-2018.

*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.