

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

Name of Center: Red Oak Head Start Preschool **Enrollment:** 14 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6915

Street: 1201 Highland Av **City:** Red Oak **Iowa** **Zip** 51566 **County:** Montgomery

Mailing Address: PO Box 709, Harlan, IA, 51537

Director's Name: Danni Segebart **Phone Number:** 712-623-4981

On-Site Supervisor(s): Michaela Baratta **E-Mail:** DSegebart@westcca.org
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Date(s) of Visit:

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-30-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS: Year-round School-Year Summer Only

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	4	4	16		24
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 11-01-2024 to 11-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 10-17-2024

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 Red Oak Head Start on 4-29-2024. Red Oak Head Start is located at 1201 Highland Ave, Red Oak IA 51566. There are two program rooms - one room is early Head Start 18 months to three years and the other room is used for preschool age children. The early Head Start is a year round program, the preschool room is during the school year. Michaela Baratta is the Education Support Specialist. Fourteen children are enrolled.

Observation of room:

Michaela Baratta was gone on the day of my visit. Kyanna Hansen is in charge when Michaela is gone.

Your rooms looked great and have a great variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and supplies for the children. The program uses Creative Curriculum. Fun, hands on learning experiences are provided to the children on a daily basis.

The teachers prepare the lesson plans and use Teaching Strategies Curriculum - the current study was gardening.

The infant room had three children present today, the children were taking a nap. The three and four year old room had six children and two staff present, the children were eating lunch and then it was nap time. The room arrangement during nap time didn't allow for direct observation of all children. You will need to rearrange the children during nap time to allow for direct observation.

Nutrition:

Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided each day. The food is catered from Treat America/Company Kitchen each day. The program participates in the Federal Food Program, monthly menus are posted.

Health and safety:

Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. Please review environmental hazards rule 109.11(7)b for radon information to determine when your radon testing is due.

An annual fuel burning inspection is needed.

Fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented each month. The first aid kit is properly stocked.

The correct sanitizing and disinfecting procedures weren't being followed. The bleach water wasn't being mixed daily. Staff were using disinfectant on the tables rather than sanitizer. Sanitizing procedures weren't being done in the kitchen. Please provide training on sanitizing and disinfecting. Please use the three step bottle procedure for both sanitizing and disinfecting 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved products for sanitizing and disinfecting. If you are using bleach/water you will need to refer to the specific bottle of bleach you are using for mixing instructions for sanitizing and disinfecting. If the mixing instructions aren't on the label you will need to refer to the website on the bottle for mixing instructions. Bleach/water needs to be mixed daily.

Playground:

The center uses the playground. Monthly playground inspections are documented.

Transportation:

The Head Start program doesn't provide transportation services. Some children ride the bus.

Administrative Records:

The emergency contact information was reviewed in the children's files and was in good order.

Staff files were read at the administrative office and were in good order.

Staff training is provided on an ongoing basis.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your program is an excellent resource for the community. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing. Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM. Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children. Room's arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children. Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap. Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs. Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.

Additional concerns: Room's arrangement did not allow for direct observation of some children during nap time. You will need to rearrange the children during nap time to allow for direct observation.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 11-1-2024 to 11-1-2026.

10-17-2024 -Administrative change - increase in capacity to 24 children (previous capacity was 20, preschool capacity increased from 12 to 16 children).

*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.