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

**Name of Center:** East Union Infant Toddler Center **Enrollment:** 35 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52762

**Street:** 508 Pearl Street **City:** Afton Iowa **Zip** 50830 **County:** Union

**Mailing Address:** 1916 High School DR, Afton, IA, 50830

**Director's Name:** Peggy Hardy **Phone Number:** 641-347-5215

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** phardy@eastunionschools.org

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

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-16-2025

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

**Date Inspected:** 12-27-2024

**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 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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | 23 | 23 | | | 46 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 03-01-2025 to 03-01-2027 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-27-2025

**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 East Union Infant Toddler Center on 5-5-2025. A previous visit was made on 2 -5-2025 giving the center permission to open on 3-3-2025. This is a new center that is located in a residential area of Afton Iowa. The center opened on March 3, 2025. The building was previously an elderly care facility. The building was remodeled to accommodate a child care center. Child care services are provided to infant and toddler age children. The center has another center, East Union Early Childhood Center located in the school that provides child care services to preschool and school age children. Peggy Hardy is the director of both centers. There are 35 children enrolled.

Observation of rooms:
The center looks beautiful, the rooms are well decorated and there is a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There are four program rooms - Infant room, mobile infant room, two year old room and two and a half year old room. The center has a reception area, laundry room, nursing room, staff work room, multi purpose room off the entry etc. All rooms were observed. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were nurturing and attentive to the needs of the children.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app. The daily sheets looked good they are on the Brightwheel child care app.
The center has lesson plans/activities.
Cots needed covered in the 2 1/2 year old room. Staff stated the cot covers had been ordered.

Nutrition:
The center has a very nice large kitchen and meals are prepared on-site. Menus are posted. CACFP food program guidelines are followed. Make sure all refrigerators/freezers have thermometers. The refrigerator in the infant room needs a thermometer.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures will be followed when a child is prescribed medication. Fire/tornado drills were practiced and documented. The building has all electric appliances. Please refer to the DHHS licensing handbook for information on radon testing and frequency of testing.
The center following the three bottle procedure for sanitizing and disinfecting. They are using Sanidate for sanitizing and Oxivir tb for disinfecting.

Playground:
The center has playground areas for the children. They have received grants for playground equipment. They will begin completing monthly playground safety inspections.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:
Staff files were read and were in excellent order. Child files were read - emergency medical contact is needed for the dentist

- the dentist name and phone number are required. Peggy Hardy will have the dentist information added immediately.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Peggy and staff are very enthusiastic and proud of the new center. The center is a wonderful resource for the community and the community has been very supportive of the new center. Peggy is very confident and organized. Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
Grants have been received for the playground, various equipment etc.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Information lacking: Child files need emergency contact information for the dentist. The center will correct this immediately.

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: Cots need covered. Cot sheets have been ordered.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves.Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.
Additional concerns: Make sure all refrigerators/freezers have thermometers. The infant room refrigerator needed a thermometer.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for 3-1-2025 to 3-1-2027.

*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.