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

Name of Center: Orange City Head Start **Enrollment:** 17 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30221

Street: 1103 Lincoln Circle SE **City:** Orange City Iowa **Zip** 51041 **County:** Sioux

Mailing Address: 418 S Marion St, Remsen, IA, 51050

Director's Name: Kendra Rensink **Phone Number:** 712-737-3889

On-Site Supervisor(s): Betty Steenblock **E-Mail:** krensink@midsioux.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-26-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-11-2022

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

Date Inspected: 10-13-2021

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: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 10-03-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 09-26-23 and spoke with Betty Steenblock, onsite supervisor. Ms Steenblock has an elementary education degree with an early childhood endorsement and twenty nine years experience working with children. Orange City Head Start is located in one room on the lower level, in the same building as the Orange City Daycare Center. The center operates Monday through Thursday 9:15am to 1:15pm. The program serves children ages 3 to 5 years old. The Head Start program is blended in with the universal preschool program in the building. This is a multi-lingual room therefore everything is read in English and Spanish.

There are 17 children enrolled in the program, however, two of the children attend universal preschool program. Therefore, there were 12 kids present at the time of the visit. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center continues cleaning toys daily that children use. The childcare center has a cleaning service that comes in every night to clean as well.

The center has the following areas throughout the center for the children to explore and learn: music, toys, books, blocks, puzzles, dramatic play, science, writing, puppets, sand/water table, house area and art. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathrooms. The program has a variety of play/learning centers located throughout the room. Daily picture schedule at the children's level. Everything in the room is labeled in English and Spanish. Displayed throughout the room were numbers, seasons, pictures of the children, picture schedule for the children, display children's artwork, pictures of children's families, shapes and the alphabet. Daily schedule of activities was posted.

Meals are prepared by the MOC school district which are delivered to the Orange City Daycare. The daycare then administers the food. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted. In reviewing administrative records all required notices were present and posted in an area that was readily available and visible to parents and visitors. Staff files will be reviewed at the programs central office at a later date and any issues identified will be addressed at that time. A random selection of child files found each reviewed file contained all required forms and contact information. All required inspection logs, and certificates were current and available.

The center has a large fenced-in playground adjacent to the building that they share with the Daycare. The playground has slides, and climbing equipment with surfacing material (wood chips) throughout the area. The daycare center maintains the playground. Headstart class also has access to the childcare gym for alternative outside play when their is inclement weather. The playground still needs to have additional shade other than the building which the childcare center is looking at different options as well as funding for a shade structure. There is also an corner area of the turf that the turf has come up which may cause a tripping hazard. Ms Betty has notified the childcare center director and there is a work order in place. The child care center is also looking at putting in new turf on the playground along with the shade structure. They hope to have this in place yet this fall or early next spring. Fire/tornado drills are completed. Furnace is all electric. Radon tests was within normal range.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center uses the Head Start bus to transport the children to and from the program.

Center's goals are to obtain a food aid and to add more shade onto the playground.

Center strengths staff have a good relationship with the families they serve, the orange city daycare, and community. Staff work well as a team and have a good routine with the children they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center is well organized.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on as well as two home visits.

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.
Program needs to add more shade on the playground. There is also an area in the corner where the tarp cover has come off and may be a tripping hazard.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center will email consultant by 10-31-23 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected or a plan in place.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.