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

Name of Center: Irving Head Start **Enrollment:** 66 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30164

Street: 710 Iowa St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51105 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2700 Leech Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Rachael Ostermyer **Phone Number:** 712-202-0730

On-Site Supervisor(s): Whitney Haberer **E-Mail:** cbeatty@caasiouxland.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-14-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-29-2023

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

Date Inspected: 11-02-2020

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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			84		84
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 05-05-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 04-14-23 and spoke with new onsite supervisor Whitney Haberer as Nikki Mathern had resigned. Racheael Ostermyer remains the Director. Whitney Haberer started on 12-01-22. Ms. Haberer has an Associates Degree in Early Childhood and is working towards her Bachelors Degree. Ms Haberer has several years working with children in a childcare center prior to coming to Irving Headstart. Irving Preschool is located in the old St Joseph School. The center is operated by Head Start. The center utilizes five large rooms (104,105,107,109, and 111), however due to low staff they are not using room 111 as it has been closed all school year. The program has an outside playground located next to the school. An indoor gym is also available to the center. The program serves children ages 3 to 5 years of age. The program operates Mon 8:30am - 2:30pm Tues-Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm school year only. With the 2021-2022 school year, the program started offering extended stay. Extended stay is from 6:30am to 8:15am and 2:30pm to 5:30pm on Mondays, and 3:30pm thru 5:30pm Tuesday thru Fridays. The building is locked and everyone must be admitted into the building by staff. The program has 5 classrooms and 3 additional classrooms the CAA of Siouxland Shared Visions program utilizes. CAA of Siouxland Shared Visions has it's own license within the building. Capacity is 84. The school year ends 05-17-23.

There are 66 children enrolled in the program. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys daily that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the rooms were colors, shapes, five senses, globe of the world, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities, sitting at the tables with the children during meals and reading stories to the children. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes the High Scope Curriculum Gold in their teachings. The program installed new cameras throughout the building.

Staff files will be reviewed at a later date as they are located at the main office.

Good storage practices are followed. Freezers and refrigerators are at the appropriate temperatures. Meals are obtained through the Sioux City schools central kitchen. Meals and snacks meet the CACFP guidelines. Menus are posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon test and Annual heating inspection were not available. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained, however in a couple of rooms there were some cleaning products in reach of children and need to be kept out of reach.

Large fenced-in playground adjacent to the center. The playground has rubber mulch around the play equipment. The

playground has slides and climbing equipment. Shade is available on the playground. There is an area along the fence that has a whole where kids ay be able to get under. This should be filled in and secured. They also have an indoor gym that they can use when they cannot go outside. They have a variety of toys, balls, balance beams and tricycles in the gym.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
They do not transport children. Any field trips they go on they would walk.

Goals of the program are to increase enrollment and more staff to keep rooms opened.

Strengths of the program are that staff work well as a team and willing to support each other. They also have started implementing sunshine circles to help student/teacher bond with more individual attention.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Head Start programs are well supported and children receive a lot of support from Head Start staff as well as additional professionals to ensure their educational and health needs are being met.

This program does home visits at the beginning of the year.

The preschool has parent/teacher conferences several times a year.

This preschool is very organized.

There are picture schedules for the children at their eye level.

Classrooms are well supplied and organized and children have easy access to materials.

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.
Playground hole along fence needs to be fixed. Also staff need to make sure they put cleaning products away so children don't have access to them.

109.11(7)b
Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c
All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please email consultant by 05-26-23 regarding items that are below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended 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.