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

Name of Center: Stella Sanford CDC - West High **Enrollment:** 15 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 33349

Street: 2001 Casselman St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51103 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 1724 Geneva ST, Sioux City, IA, 51103

Director's Name: Daniella Haas & Erika Fuentes **Phone Number:** 605-941-0676

On-Site Supervisor(s): Connie Maldonado **E-Mail:** Dhaas@crittentoncenter.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-09-2024

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:** 02-04-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-24-2023

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) 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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	29				29
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-12-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Crittenton Center Stella Sanford CDC West High on 02-09-24 and spoke with onsite supervisor Connie Maldonado. Ms. Maldonado has been with Stella Sanford for the last eleven years. She also has an education certificate for a Para Educator. Danelle Haas is co director along with Ms. Fuentes, director, and neither were at this visit. Stella Sanford Child Development -West High is located in one room at West High School. Visitors must be buzzed in to enter the school building. Parents and other visitors must be buzzed in by the staff to gain access to the infant room. The center serves children ages 6 weeks to 24 months. The infant program operates Monday through Friday 7am to 5:15pm year round. Center does close for one week in the summer for the school to wax the floors.

There are 15 children enrolled in the program. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, 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 continues cleaning toys daily that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit. Staff had good interaction with the children.

The infant room is separated into three areas: mobile infants, 18-24 month infants and non-mobile infants. However the mobile area tends to combine with the 18-24 month old depending on the need of the kids. They also have a separate eating area. There is an abundance of age appropriate toys for the children to play with in each area. The center transitions the children from cribs to cots as they become more mobile and are developmentally able to handle the transition. During mealtimes they utilize highchairs for the very young infants and small tables with three sided chairs for the children who are walking. Center has several changing tables/sinks in the room. The staff provides a nurturing environment for the children to learn and grow. Staff files are located at the main office and will be reviewed at a later date. Staff should not hop over the dividing wall but use the gate for safety.

Refrigerators are clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Snacks are provided by the center. Lunch is provided through the school system and breakfast/snacks through Stella Sanford Center. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted. Center participates in the CACFP program.

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 was unavailable during this visit. Annual heating inspection was also unavailable at time of visit. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

There is a fenced-in, grass covered playground is adjacent to the center. Shade is available on the playground. Staff bring toys out to the playground for the children. Staff place the infants in strollers that can hold up to 4 infants and take them for rides through the halls of the school. The center does not go on field trips.

Goals of the center is to rearrange room to accommodate children as they grow, update licensing binder, update the playground with turf surfacing get a shed, and a shade structure.

Strengths of the program is that staff work well as a team and good relationship with the families they serve as well as reliable to the program. The program also have a couple of bilingual staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Infant room usually has more staff than required by licensing standards.

Center staff very conscientious about keeping environment clean.

Center has a QRS rating of 3 stars out of 5 which expires Feb 2024.

Center shares information given to them with parents. Such as tummy time articles, safe sleep positions and back to sleep.

Toys are at the children's level and accessible in the infant and preschool rooms.

Staff has very positive interaction with the children, work well as a team, and have a good communication with parents and the school.

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.
Number not in compliance for medical: 1
Number not in compliance for dental: 4
Information lacking: Information was either mission or outdated.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
Staff should not hop over the dividing wall for safety.

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 licensing consultant confirming those items that fall below standard have been corrected by 03-12-24.

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.