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

Name of Center: New Opportunities Inc dba Carroll Early Head Start **Enrollment:** 32 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51315

Street: 1617 East 10th St **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: PO BOX 427, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Tonya Weber **Phone Number:** 712-792-9266

On-Site Supervisor(s): Michelle Glick **E-Mail:** TWeber@newopp.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-21-2024

Licensing Visit X **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:** 03-02-2023

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

Date Inspected: 03-24-2022

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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 X 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	16	8	8	0	32
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

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: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 10-28-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made on 10-21-2024.
The program is managed by New Opportunities and was given permission to open on 1/18/21. The center serves children ages four weeks in age to around three years old. The center director is Tonya Weber. Tonya has a BA degree and a Master's degree. Tonya is also director of several other New Opportunities programs. Michelle Glick is the on-site supervisor, she has a BA degree in Child and Family Services and has past experience working in child care. I met with Michelle during my licensing visit. There are 32 children enrolled.

Observation of rooms:
This is a beautiful Head Start with four program rooms, the rooms look great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The center also uses a motor skill room located downstairs. The center uses the Creative Curriculum, the teachers in each program room create the lesson plans/activities. The children were observed during nap time. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children.
The daily sheets looked good.
Please review the diaper changing procedure with staff as cross contamination was occurring - items were being placed on the diaper changing table i.e. papers and non diaper changing related items.
The older toddler room was a little too dark, staff must be able to see the children's face and their chest rise. Please rearrange the room during nap time to allow for direct observation of all of the children.
Please remove push pins/tacks as they are considered a health and safety hazard if they are on the floor and the children could swallow them.
The program utilizes the Family Resource Center on a regular basis.
The program will bring in agencies for presentations to the children.

Nutrition:
Meals are prepared on-site. The center participates in the federal food program. Menus are posted, they are on a four week rotation. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Oxivir is used for disinfecting and bleach/water is used for sanitizing.
Radon testing was conducted 11/22/22 - 11/28/22 and then in the lower level 3/3/23 - 3/7/23. The upper level radon levels were below the 4.0 cutoff, but the lower level had radon levels above the 4.0 cutoff. A radon mitigation system was installed. Michelle stated they will be re testing for radon. Please refer to your handbook for information on radon testing as the rules have been updated. Carbon monoxide detectors are built into the building.
If your center has any fuel burning appliances an annual fuel burning inspection is required.

Playground:
The center has a very nice fenced playground area. Monthly playground safety inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. Walking field trips are taken around the property. The program will also bring in agencies for presentations to children.

Administrative records:
Children's files have the emergency medical contact information.
Staff files were reviewed on a previous date.
Staff meetings are held on a regular basis. Michelle Glick maintains daily contact with staff. Head Start provides training throughout the year.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Michelle Glick is very enthusiastic and proud of the program. Staff were very helpful, organized and attentive to the needs of the children. Many staff have worked with Head Start for several years.
The center participates in IQ4K level 2.

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.
Please remove push pins/tacks as they are considered a health and safety hazard if they are on the floor and the children could swallow them.

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: The older toddler room was a little too dark, staff must be able to see the children's face and their chest rise. Please rearrange the room during nap time to allow for direct observation of all of the children.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area.One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes.Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
Additional concerns: Cross contamination occurring as items are being placed on the diaper changing table i.e. papers and non diaper changing related items. Please review diaper changing procedures with staff.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 5-1-2023 to 5-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 10-21-2024.

*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.