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

Name of Center: Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 14 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30220

Street: 1200 Central Ave **City:** Hawarden Iowa **Zip** 51023 **County:** Sioux

Mailing Address: Mid-Sioux Opportunities Inc418 S Marion St, Remsen, IA, 51050

Director's Name: Kendra Rensink **Phone Number:** 712-551-2889

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

Date(s) of Visit:

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-01-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-04-2022

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other 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: 4

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 center on 09-25-23 and spoke with Sue Miller, onsite supervisor/lead teacher. Ms. Miller has an Associates of Applied Science Degree; Child Care Supervision and Management and 28 years of experience working with children. Child Development Center is a shared vision preschool program located in one room in the Wee Care child care facility at 1200 Central Ave in Hawarden. Child development Center is administered through Mid Sioux Opportunity and is apart of the Shared Visions program. The program l operates Monday through Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm. The program serves children ages 3 to 5 years old and they follow the West Sioux School District for weather related and school calendar . The front door is locked and a pass code is needed to enter the building, otherwise Daycare staff must let a person in.

There are 14 children enrolled in the program with 11 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, 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 Shared Visions room has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: blocks, house area, science, computer, books, music, art, sand/water table, work bench and writing. Displayed throughout the room were numbers, colors, emotions chart, map of Hawarden, children's artwork and the alphabet. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to a bathroom. Good room arrangement with centers throughout the area.

Meals are prepared onsite in a kitchen inaccessible to the children which is provided by the childcare center. Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted. Center participates in the CACFP program. Children brush their teeth after breakfast. 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 program 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 that they share with the Daycare. The playground has slides, climbing equipment, balance beams, sand box, riding toys, picnic table and basketball hoop. Pea gravel is around all the equipment. Shade is available on the playground. Monthly playground inspection completed. The center does not transport the children.

Goals of the program is to be fully staffed, get on the IQ4K program, help the children be social and emotionally ready for Kindergarten.

Strengths is that they collaborates with school, the childcare and work well as a team. The program also has a good relationship with the children/families they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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

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

Center does two home visit a year as well as 2 parent teacher conferences.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

The classroom is well organized.

Positive interaction with the children.

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

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Program needs to email consultant by 10-31-23 confirming that aspects 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.