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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Carroll County Head Start AM & PM

Provider No.: 6221

Address: 23751 Highway 30, Carroll, IA, 51401

County: Carroll

Director's Name: Tonya Weber

On-Site Supervisor: Michelle Case

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HHS Visit Date: 11/20/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2025 to 01/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/19/2023

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

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	40	0	40
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Carroll County Head Start AM & PM on 11/20/25. The Carroll County Head Start program is located in two classrooms of a building on the main campus of New Opportunities. The center moved back into this location in January 2023 after renovations were made after the fire in October 2021. The program was temporarily moved to New Opportunities Inc. Carroll Early Head Start after the fire in October 2021. The program serves children three to five years old. Classes are held Monday - Friday during the school year only. Children attend either AM, PM, or full days depending on which classroom they are in. The four-year-olds attend only half days Tuesday through Friday. They attend either 8:30 AM to 12 PM or 12 PM to 3:30 PM. Three-year-olds attend every day 8:30 AM to 3 PM. The director of this program, as well as other New Opportunities Head Start programs, is Tonya Weber. Tonya has her BA degree in Human Services. Michelle Case is the on-site supervisor. She has a BA degree in Elementary Education and has over 10 years of experience working in the school or child care setting. The three-year-old full day program and the four-year-old AM program were both in session during my visit. The total enrollment is 38 children. Fifteen children were present in each classroom during my visit. Two staff were present with the four-year-olds and three staff were present with the three-year-olds. Shari Bieret, the center supervisor, met with me during my visit.

Observation of room:
The three-year-old full day programming room and the four-year-old AM programming room were in session during my visit. Both rooms were in ratio. Both program rooms looked great. There are a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. In both rooms, the center for dramatic play was very popular. Centers are rotated every 1-2 weeks. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children. There are restrooms located between the two rooms allowing children from each room to enter the restrooms at the same time. Staff assist children in pullups. Creative Curriculum Teaching Strategies Gold is used. The program has lesson plans/activities. Lead teachers do the lesson plans. Parental involvement and communication are highly stressed by the program. Weekly newsletters, two parent teacher conferences, and two home visits are conducted throughout the year. Family activities are held during the school year. Different agencies visit the center for informative and educational presentations to children. Medical conditions and allergies are posted on the walls of both rooms.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided daily. The food is prepared at Carroll County Early Head Start and delivered each day. Menus were posted. The program participates in the federal food program (CACFP) and a dietician reviews the menus. Proper storage was observed in the kitchen.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Emergency numbers and diagrams are posted. Radon testing was completed in July 2023 with

radon test scores of 0.3 pCi/L and 0.7 pCi/L. Radon testing is due every five years if the reading is below 4.0 pCi/L. A fuel burning, HVAC inspection was completed. The center has a built-in carbon monoxide detector system. Sheets are washed weekly. Dental, vision, behavioral, educational, and developmental screenings are provided annually to children free of charge.

Playground:
The playground area looked great and is fenced. It has a large climbing structure with slides, riding toys, and blocks. Rubber tiles are used for fall surfacing. Daily and monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
Busing is contracted with Western Iowa Transit System (WITS). Only the full day students receive transportation at the end of the day. No transportation is offered in the morning or to the students who attend only half day.

Administrative records:
Six children's files were reviewed and were in excellent order. Two staff files were reviewed and were in excellent order. Staff meetings are held frequently. The center uses the Go Engage App. Carroll County Head Start AM & PM are IQ4K level 2.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff were attentive to the needs of the children. The program has additional information available through New Opportunities' website. The center participates in IQ4K and is a level 2. Shari identified their strengths as the program as a whole. They help families and not just the children who attend Head Start. They are able to help identify resources for families. Their goals are based on community needs. They serve families' needs as identified.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for1/1/25 to 1/1/27.

Date: 11/21/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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