



<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 04-01-2017 to 04-01-2019
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCACTION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 03-02-2017

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

An unannounced licensing visit to East Union Early Childhood Center on 2-7-2017. The program is located in the East Union Community School building. During the school year the program provides preschool and wrap around child care services to preschool age children from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday (program time is 8:15 am to 3:15 pm). During the summer and school breaks i.e. Christmas break and spring break the program provides care to school age children. There are four program rooms. There are seventy two children enrolled. Hope Hall has been the Director for five years, she has her Master's Degree in Education. I met with Hope Hall during my visit. Donna Allen is the on-site supervisor. The program has a combination of NAEYC accredited, Empowerment, Shared Visions and Statewide Voluntary programs.

Observation of rooms:

Each room has a lead teacher with a Bachelor's Degrees in teaching and two teachers are working on their Master's Degree.

Miss Hardy's room - 2 1/2 to 3 year old room - This is the youngest preschool room. There were sixteen children and three staff present. The children were just waking up from nap time. Covered cots are used for nap time. There room has a diaper changing table. The restroom is shared with another preschool room next door and there is a sink in the room.

Miss Reed's room - three to five year old room. There were twelve children and two staff present. The children were eating their snack.

Miss Clark's room - three to five year old special education room. There were thirteen children and four staff present. The children were waking up from nap time and the children were playing in the activity centers.

Miss Trullinger's room - three to five year old room. There were fifteen children and two staff present. The children were playing in the gym. There are two restrooms and a sink in the room.

All four rooms look great and have fun and inviting activity centers. The rooms have a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The activity centers, equipment/toys are rotated on a frequent basis. Each teacher creates their own lesson plans/activities - the lesson plans looked great. Each room prepares a weekly newsletter for the parents.

The center has family fun nights six times a year.

Each preschool room has gym and music class once a week with the respective elementary school teacher.

Nutrition:

The center is on the federal food program. The school provides lunch and the center provides breakfast and snacks. During the summer the center provides the snacks and they participates in the free breakfast and lunch program. The children eat in their preschool rooms and meals are served family style.

Health and safety:

No children were prescribed medication at the time of my visit, if a child is prescribed medication the center follows proper medication management procedures.

Radon testing was done in January 2017 and the test scores were in the acceptable range. The program has first aid kits. The center has all electric appliances.

Fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented every month.

The program rooms have a timer for hand washing and brushing teeth.

#### Playground:

The center has a wonderful nature explore outdoor classroom. They were very excited to become Nature Explore Certified in 2016. The area has a stage, digging, tunnels/tubes, sand box, benches, and a shed. Pea gravel is used for surfacing. The center practices and documents monthly playground inspections. Each room has an exit to the outdoor classroom.

#### Administrative records:

Twenty children's files were read and were in good order. Five staff files were read and were in good order. The center has all of the emergency procedures and the emergency preparedness plan.

Staff meetings are held every other month. Hope meets with lead team members on a weekly basis.

### **III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and they have a level V. The center looks great and the preschool rooms have wonderful age and developmentally appropriate equipment. The outdoor nature explore classroom is a terrific asset to the program and they truly embrace all it has to offer and want to expand the amount of time spent using the area.

Staff have excellent interactions with the children, they are nurturing, encouraging, have fun with the children and are involved in programming.

Hope is very confident as the director, she is very enthusiastic about the program.

#### New in 2016:

The center became Nature Explore Certified.

The program achieved a level V on the Quality Rating System.

The center is using Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold.

Some staff have completed the Essentials training and others are completing the training.

The center began using a phone application called SeeSaw - The parents are tagged to look at their child's photos and the center newsletter in also on this phone application.

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

A full license is recommended for East Union Early Childhood Center for 4-1-2017 to 4-1-2019.

### **V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

\*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.