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

Name of Center: Sibley Head Start **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30236

Street: 115 Maple Drive **City:** Sibley Iowa **Zip** 51249 **County:** Osceola

Mailing Address: 101 E Robins St, Palo Alto, IA, 51342

Director's Name: Angie Mitchell **Phone Number:** 712-298-1241

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kayla Ross **E-Mail:** amitchell@udmo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-16-2025

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:** 08-01-2024

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

Date Inspected: 05-19-2022

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: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 05-02-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker completed an unannounced visit at Sibley Head Start on 04/16/25. I was able to speak with Kalli Johnson who is the new teacher there. Also present was the on-site supervisor Amy Loertz. The Director for Upper Des Moines Head Start Program is Angie Mitchell who was not present. The program is administered through Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. The program operates Monday through Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm (Wednesdays 8:30am to 1:00pm) for children ages 3 to 5 years of age.
The center moved to the lower level of the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 115 Maple Drive Sibley IA . Staff open the door for any visitors. The door is located on the West side of the church and goes directly into the playground area. The playground is not fenced but it is not located on the street side of the building. There were 15 children present my visit.
At the time of my arrival the children were eating lunch. I observed good sanitary habits. Staff were seated with the children and eating lunch together. The local public school provides meals for the center. Staff were very engaging with students at lunchtime as children would ask questions and staff answered their many questions. The environment was very positive.
The center uses creative curriculum and has their daily schedule of activities posted. Children have access to a bathroom. Displayed throughout the room were numbers, colors, pictures of children's families, helper list, picture schedule for the children, children's artwork, pictures of children doing various activities, shapes and the alphabet.
After lunch, while one staff member was cleaning up the other staff engaged the children with a music program on the television. The children were very interested in the music and were singing along. There was a lot of positive affirmation for the children in this center.
The center does not store any food items. The center meets the CACFP guidelines for nutrition and does provide the children with healthy snacks. Menus are posted. The children brush their teeth after breakfast and lunch.
There are currently no children on medication
I observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. Their first aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries.
Fire/tornado drills are documented each month.
Radon testing has been completed, and levels were high. They are currently working on a mitigation system All the required postings were visible. The center's discipline practices consist of talking to the children, PBIS and turtle time chair (Tucker turtle program) to help resolve behavior issues. There is a nice room arrangement that allows for teaching curriculum and play canter time. There is good flow from one activity to the next.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The Center has completed Emergency Preparedness plan.

The program is on IQ4K level 2.

There are two conferences with parents and two home visits each year. This center serves the whole family.

This program is well organized and has a very positive nurturing environment.

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 dental: 1

There is one child file that did not have the name of a dentist

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please send this information to the licensing consultant by 07/01/25.

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.