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

Name of Center: Atlantic Head Start Preschool **Enrollment:** 15 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6231

Street: 54233 Olive St **City:** Atlantic Iowa **Zip** 50022 **County:** Cass

Mailing Address: PO Box 709, Harlan, IA, 51537

Director's Name: Danni Segebart **Phone Number:** 712-243-4001

On-Site Supervisor(s): Heather Dulberg **E-Mail:** DSegebart@westcca.org
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Date(s) of Visit: 02-01-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 09-14-2023

Comments : Date of compliance 10-23-2023.

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: 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			45		45
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2024 to 12-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 02-05-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Atlantic Head Start Preschool on 2-1-2024. The program is located in a one story building on the highway outside of Atlantic, Iowa. Fifteen children are enrolled.
Heather Dulberg is the head teacher, she has been with the program since August 2015.

Observation of rooms:
The center has one class room, the room looked great and is arranged into fun and inviting activity centers. There is a variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment.
The gym has a play area with a fun wooden structure, kitchen area and block area.
Ten children and two staff were present today. The staff had excellent interactions with the children they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.

The center uses Creative Curriculum, Teaching Strategies Gold and Second Step - it focuses on social and emotional skills. Weekly lesson plans/activities are documented. The theme/study is "beginning of the year"- they are reviewing this study. Parent teacher conferences are held with the families - goals and progress are discussed.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures are followed, the medications are locked up and a medication log is used.
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The first aid kits are properly stocked. Radon testing was done in July 2023 with a score of 1.2 pCi/L.. The building has all electric appliances.

Nutrition:
The center began having their meals catered from Treat America/Company Kitchen in 9-2019. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are served. The program participates in the federal food program. The monthly menus are posted. Proper food storage was maintained.

Playground:
The center has a very nice playground with a large piece of playground equipment with a slide and other fun areas. A new concrete area was installed in the summer of 2023 for riding tricycles. Shredded tire is used for surfacing. The center documents monthly playground safety inspections.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.
The school bus provides transportation to many of the children.

Administrative records:
The program has all the required postings and policies and procedures. Children's emergency contact information were reviewed and were in good order.
All child files have complete medical emergency contact information.

Staff files were reviewed on a previous date.
Head Start staff receive training on an ongoing basis.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
Monthly newsletters are provided to the families.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 12-1-2024 to 12-1-2026.

*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.