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

Name of Center: Council Bluffs I, II, III Head Start **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7217

Street: 765 Madison Ave **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51503 **County:** Pottawattamie

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

Director's Name: Danni Segebart **Phone Number:** 712-323-1306

On-Site Supervisor(s): Dawn Maxwell, Deb Spencer **E-Mail:** DSegebart@westcca.org wmueller@westcca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-09-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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 **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 12-02-2021

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 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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			60		60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-14-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to the Council Bluffs I, II, and III Head Start programs on 11-9-2023. The center is located at 765 Madison Ave., Council Bluffs, IA in a one story building. There are 27 children enrolled in the program. Services are offered to children three to five years old. Dawn Maxwell is the supervisor for room I, she came to the center in 12-2016, Deb Spencer is the supervisor for room 2, she has worked for Head Start for over thirty years. Deb was awarded Head Start Teacher of The Year for Iowa in 2023. Room 3 isn't open at this time.

Observation of rooms:
Rooms 1 and 2 were observed, room 3 isn't open at this time. The rooms have fun activity centers, with age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The children were eating lunch and having rest time. The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were nurturing, and attentive to the needs of the children.
Creative Curriculum Teaching Strategies Gold is used. The center also works on different topics that the children are interested in - Room 1's study was on Trees, and Room 2's study was on Pets. Each room has lesson plans/activities.

Nutrition:
The center participates in the federal food program. The food is delivered each day from Company Kitchen/Treat America. Menus are posted.

Health and Safety:
The staff follow proper medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing was completed in April 2023 with a test score of 0.9 pCi/L.
Fire/tornado drill are practiced and documented monthly.
Bleach/water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. The center has new emergency procedures/disaster plans.

Playground:
The center has a very nice outdoor playground area, with a variety of different surfacing materials, equipment and a variety of outdoor experiences. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The program doesn't offer daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Staff files were reviewed on another day and were in good order. Children's files were reviewed and had the required emergency contact information.
The staff participate in ongoing training provided through Head Start.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program is a wonderful resource for the community. The staff are very enthusiastic and proud of the program. Dawn and Deb are confident, enthusiastic and proud of the program. All staff had excellent interactions with the children. Some staff have excellent longevity. The children participate in fun educational learning experiences on a daily basis.
The center is working on IQ4K.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 11-1-2022 to 11-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 11-9-2023.

Congratulations to Deb Spencer for being awarded Head Start Teacher of The Year for Iowa in 2023.

*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.