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

Name of Center: Fremont Mills Early Childhood Center **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51105

Street: 1114 US Highway 275 **City:** Tabor Iowa **Zip** 51653 **County:** Fremont

Mailing Address: PO BOX 310, Tabor, IA, 51653

Director's Name: Allyson Forney **Phone Number:** 712-629-6555

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jessica Schreck **E-Mail:** aforney@fmtabor.org jschreck@fmtabor.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-30-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** X **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: 05-02-2022

Comments : A plan of correction was requested within 15 days of the inspection date, was that done? and if yes did you get a new inspection report?

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 X 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	8	17	20	30	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2024 to 09-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 10-17-2024

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 Fremont Mills Early Childhood Center on 9-30-2024. The center is located in the Fremont Mills Elementary School in Tabor Iowa. Year round child care services are provided to children two years old to school age.
Allyson Forney is the director, she is the principal of the elementary school. Jessica Schreck continues to be the on-site supervisor, she started her position in May 2022. The hours of operation are 6:00 am to 6:00 pm during the school year, summer hours may vary. School age hours 6:00 am to 9:30 am Mondays, 6:00 am to 8:00 am Tuesday - Friday and 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.
55 children are enrolled.

Observation of rooms:
There are three program rooms. Two rooms are for children two years old to preschool age located across the hall from the school age program.
The program rooms look nice and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and toys. The toddler and preschool rooms were in ratio, the school age children were in school during my visit. The children were playing and eating lunch. The center uses Read It Again Pre K and Read it again Infant/Toddlers curriculum. The lesson plans/activities looked great. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The center uses the Brightwheel Child Care app.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided by the school, the children can also bring their own lunch. Menus were posted. Even if your program isn't on the federal food program you need to follow the CACFP food program guidelines.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills were documented.
If you have fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection.
Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for radon testing and DHHS licensing isn't required to review your radon information any longer.
The center follows medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication.
Please review your emergency policies and procedures and make sure you have all of the DHS required policies, and review them with all staff.
Bleach/water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting and they are using the three step bottles - 1. Soap/water for cleaning 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your product for sanitizing or disinfecting. I discussed some other product options for sanitizing and disinfecting you can also contact your child care nurse consultant to discuss other product options.

Playground:
The playground is located behind the building. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Administrative records:
Staff files were read and were in good order, Jessica make sure your national record check - finger printing is completed.
Child files were read and were in good order, make sure you have the name and phone numbers for the doctor and the dentist.
Jessica has done a great job learning the DHS rules and regulations. She is very proud of the program and is creative and enthusiastic.
Jessica talks with staff on a daily basis.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your child care center is a wonderful resource for the community. The center is a great facility with a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment.
The staff had excellent interactions with the children.
Jessica Schreck and staff are very proud and enthusiastic about the program.
The program has received services from Child Care Resource and Referral in the past.
I was very impressed with the lead teacher in the preschool room, she develops excellent lesson plans/activities.
The center receives grants - they will sound proof the school age room, and they received a therapeutic grant.
They may apply for IQ4K in the future.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 9-1-2024 to 9-1-2026.

*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.