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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Madison Early Head Start

Provider No.: 38657

Address: 755 Madison Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

County: Pottawattamie

Director's Name: Danni Segebart

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 03/23/2026

Licensing Period: 05/01/2026 to 05/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 12/21/2023

Comments: fire inspections are due every three years

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	8:15 AM to 3:15 PM		
Tuesday	8:15 AM to 3:15 PM		
Wednesday	8:15 AM to 12:30 PM		
Thursday	8:15 AM to 3:15 PM		
Friday	8:15 AM to 3:15 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	16	8	8		32
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made on 3/23/26. The center opened on May 23, 2012. The program provides care for children six weeks to three years old. The center is located in a one-story building at 755 Madison Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa. It is located in a building next to Council Bluffs Head Start I and II. There are 16 children enrolled in the program. Danni Segebart is the director. I met with Kris Erezic, the Education Support Coordinator, during my visit.

Observation of rooms:
The program serves children infant to three years old. The program rooms looked great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Staff reported toys are rotated monthly or less often is the kids are really enjoying the toys. Danielle Deitchler and Amber Rocha are the lead teachers for the younger children. I observed proper diapering and handwashing for both the child and staff in the younger room. I observed all of the children wash their hands prior to eating lunch. Heidi and Rose are the teachers for the older children. However, Rose was not present on the day of my visit, but Adrianna was present. They serve children 18 months to 36 months. All of the children are 30 months or older. All of the children were eating lunch at the time of my visit. Both rooms were in ratio. The children from six weeks to three years old were previously combined; however, this was brought to Danni's attention and has been addressed. There is no longer the intrusion of children two years and older in the same area as children under two years old. The children were observed playing and eating lunch. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were nurturing and attentive to the needs of the children. Lesson plans were posted. The curriculum that is used is Teaching Strategies Gold. The Learning Genie Child Care App is used.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch, and snack continue to be catered from Company Kitchen (formerly Treat America). Monthly menus are

posted. The center is on the federal food program. Proper food storage was not being used. There was saranwrap on a bowl in the refrigerator. Food should be stored in an airtight container after opening.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was done in December 2025 with a test results of 3.1 pCi/L and 2.7 pCi/L. Radon testing is due every five years if the test results are under 4.0 pCi/L. Bleach/water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. The three step bottle process is used. Toys are sanitized at least daily. Diapering and hand-washing procedures are posted. There were first aid kits. Bedding is washed at least weekly.

Playground:
The center has a wonderful playground area for the children. The monthly playground safety checks are completed. Padded turf is used for surfacing.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:
Four children's files were read, and emergency contact information was in good order. One child's file was missing the dentist's phone number. Please make sure all children's files have the necessary emergency contact information. Staff files were reviewed on a previous date at the administrative office and were in excellent order. Staff meetings and training are provided.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Madison Early Head Start is a wonderful resource for the community. The staff had excellent interactions with the children; they were positive and nurturing. The center added stoppers on the windows and added air purifiers in each room. Kris identified the strengths of the program as staff longevity, staff all work well together, they carry out the curriculum really well, there is very good communication with parents both in person and on the Learning Genie App. The center hands out a monthly newsletter as well as posts it on the Learning Genie App.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.13(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed. Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves. All food should be stored in an airtight container after opening.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended from 5/1/26 to 5/1/28.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Kris their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Positive Guidance is offered annually and to all new employees. PBIS is a requirement for all staff within their first year of employment. All of the staff in Early Head Start are teachers. Kris does not see the frustrations in Early Head Start like she may in the older Head Start.

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Date: 03/30/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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