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

Name of Center: MICA Head Start-Grinnell **Enrollment:** 15 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 17863

Street: 611 4th Avenue **City:** Grinnell Iowa **Zip** 50112 **County:** Poweshiek

Mailing Address: 1001 S 18th Ave, Marshalltown, IA, 50158

Director's Name: Nicole Ramirez **Phone Number:** 641-990-1086

On-Site Supervisor(s): Megan Polzin **E-Mail:** nicole.ramirez@micaonline.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-03-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-21-2025

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

Date Inspected: 03-08-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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*
Sunday			
Monday		8:15 AM to 3:15 PM	
Tuesday		8:15 AM to 3:15 PM	
Wednesday		8:15 AM to 3:15 PM	
Thursday		8:15 AM to 3:15 PM	
Friday		8:15 AM to 3:15 PM	
Saturday			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2025 to 04-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-17-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

MICA Head Start - Grinnell as been in operation at it's current location since January 2019. The preschool has it's own secured entrance. The preschool provides full day programming to children ages three to five years. Megan Polzin is the lead teacher. Megan has a BA in Elementary Education with an Endorsement in Early Childhood Education. Megan has been at this program since 2017.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. The schedule is posted. The lesson plan, Creative Me, Under Construction, was posted. This program uses one classroom for programming. The room is well supplied with age appropriate learning supplies, toys and interest centers that are all easily accessible for the children.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Megan assisted with today's visit. There were were two teacher assistants also working. Fourteen children were present. Interactions between the staff and children were positive throughout the visit. Children were observed during transition times, during staff led group time, during lunch and during rest time.

The center uses a small kitchen in the building to prepare the cooked meals that are provided from Valley Foods. Children have breakfast, snacks and lunch while at Head Start. Lunch served today was chicken, roasted potatoes, bread sticks and oranges.

Head Start has an outdoor playground that has fencing. The playground has outdoor turf for playground surfacing. There is a shed that has outdoor play equipment. There are playground checks checks documented by staff daily.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This preschool has accreditation through NAEYC. The center participates in IQ4K and has a level 4 rating. Head Start programs are well supported within their own agency. Children receive services from other early childhood agencies when needed to ensure their educational and health needs are being met.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

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