

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

Name of Center: 4C's Home Ties Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 20 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24279

Street: 405 Myrtle Ave **City:** Iowa City **Iowa Zip** 52246 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1500 Sycamore St, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Alysia Erritt **Phone Number:** 319-341-0050

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amanda Nelson **E-Mail:** iowa4cshometies@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-04-2018

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:** 05-24-2018

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

Date Inspected: 07-05-2018

Comments : Does Comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age
 Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	<i><u>Year-round</u></i>	<i><u>School-Year</u></i>	<i><u>Summer Only</u></i>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	16	4	12		32
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 09-01-2018 to 09-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 09-05-2018

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced visit was completed on 9/4/18. All programming space was observed. The center was in ratio.

The center's approved fire inspection was completed on 7/5/18.

The director is Alysia Erritt. She has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. She started at the center in 11/2016.

The on-site supervisor is Amanda Nelson. She has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She has worked at the center since 2006.

The center provides child care to 20 children.

The center is located inside of First Mennonite Church.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

4Cs Home Ties helps families in crisis by providing quality, short-term child care. Homeless and near homeless families, as well as those participating in Prelude, United Action for Youth, Community Mental Health programs, or other assistance programs, are eligible to receive up to 3 months of free child care so that they can:

- Search for housing
- Search for and interview for work
- Continue with high school or college coursework

The center participates with "Table to Table" to ensure children are offered fresh fruits and vegetables.

The center is on the Food Program and offers a garden in their play area.

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

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.

-Ratio for the one-two year old room was violated. One staff took one child to complete diaper changes. This left one staff with 5 children. The ratio must be one staff to four children.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

-Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

-Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

-Number not in compliance: 2

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.

-Medicines must be inaccessible to children. They were accessible in the following locations: counter in large classroom, changing table in large room, hanging in door in toddler room and on toy shelf in toddlers.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

--The center missed fire and tornado drills in July and August.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

-Cleaning supplies on kitchen counter needs to be inaccessible to children.

-Large room, toddler room and nap room have choking hazards accessible. Since there are two year old children in these rooms they must be kept inaccessible.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

-Radon testing has not been completed since 7/11/16. This just be done every two years.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat.

-An infant was asleep in a swing for 30 minutes. I reviewed staff's file and it showed that she had completed the safe sleep training. I asked the staff if the child had a doctor's note to sleep in swing. She said no but mom gave approval. I informed her that this was not permitted and that the child must be in a crib for sleeping. I asked her to move the child. The staff waited for another 20 minutes before another staff entered the room and put the child in the crib.

109.15(3)c: Children 12 months of age or younger fed single-serve, ready-to-feed formulas, concentrated or powdered formula following manufacturer's instructions or breast milk unless otherwise ordered by parent or physician.

-A child under the age of one year was only being fed juice and water. This does not meet CACFP requirements.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (563-263-9302 or hbrown@dhs.state.ia.us) 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.

I encourage you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: <http://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

I encourage you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5/

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