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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: MICA Head Start-FUMC

Provider No.: 18077

Address: 202 W Main St, Marshalltown, IA, 50158

County: Marshall

Director's Name: Nicole Ramirez

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 6414851896

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HHS Visit Date: 05/21/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/21/2025

Comments: Fire Inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Joshua Warnell, Fire Marshall, Marshalltown Fire Dept.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 4

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		8:30 AM to 2:30 PM	
Tuesday		8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	
Wednesday		8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	
Thursday		8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	
Friday		8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			48		48
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit on-site was completed 5/21/26. The on-site supervisor was present for this visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

MICA (Mid Iowa Community Action Agency) offers Head Start programs throughout Marshall County and surrounding areas. The administrative office is located in Marshalltown. The Early Childhood Program Coordinator is Nicole Ramirez. Nicole is listed as the director at all the Head Start sites. Nicole have been with MICA for a number of years and meets the requirements to be a director. Each site also has a lead teacher who meets the 100 points and is listed as the on-site supervisor.

This program meets in a wing of the First United Methodist Church. The program will now be using all three classrooms in the wing of the church used for programming space. Each classroom has a sink and there is a girl's bathroom and a boy's bathroom in the hallway. One classroom is full day, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, M-F. One classroom is half day sessions, from 8 am to 11:15 am and from 12:30 pm to 4 pm, T-F. The 3rd classroom meets from 11:15 am to 2:45 pm, T-F. The program offers care to children age 3 to 5.

MICA-FUMC uses Frog Street curriculum while using email to communicate with parents. This program participates in the food program and menus are crafted by the school; as the school provides the food. Each program has a Food aid to help prepare meals on site; Menus are on a rotation and meals/snacks are served family style.

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The classroom each offered a variety of play centers and toys; the children were content and in line for outdoor play when this visit occurred.

The playground is enclosed by chain link fencing; offering smaller play equipment on rubber chips. Other surfacing is grass; there is also a shade structure.

The program also now has access to a large motor play room and can also use the church's full kitchen.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center has attained Level 4 on IQ4k quality rating system for Iowa.

Head Start provides a very valuable and needed service to the families in the community.

Each program always has at least one bi-lingual staff person as many of the children speak Spanish as their first language.

This program partners well with the school district.

The children transition well into kindergarten and are ready for kindergarten.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects identified to fall below standard review.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full two year license is recommended.

This site offers programming mostly during the school year.

Radon testing is now due every five years if testing falls below the 4.0 cutoff. The last radon test was completed in October of 2021 and fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

Date: 07/07/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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