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

Name of Center: 4C's Home Ties Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 26 **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: Michele Shaffer **Phone Number:** 319-341-0050

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ashleigh Seydel **E-Mail:** hometies@iowa4cs.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-13-2024

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:** 07-02-2024

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

Date Inspected: 07-10-2024

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

Accredition: 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:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	16	4	12		32
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

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: Heidi Brown **Date:** 09-23-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at 4C's Home Ties Child Care Center for an annual visit on 9/13/2024. The center provides childcare for infants to preschool aged children. They are open from 7:00am to 6:00pm. They have 26 children enrolled.

The center is located inside of First Mennonite Church. There are five classrooms, three nap rooms, a kitchen, storage spaces and office.

The center is non-profit and overseen by a board. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/10/2024.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

The director is Michele Shaffer. Michele started in 8/2019. She has a Bachelor's in Sociology and a Master's in Early Childhood Education.

The onsite supervisor is Ashleigh Sydel. She started in 2019. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit.

The center's curriculum is a blend of: FunnyDaffer.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center also offers services for the families they serve: https://iowa4cs.com/home-ties/
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance and they have funding for temporary child care in some circumstances.
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
-The center partners with Table to Table, CCR&R, CCNC, Farm to ECE, Tanager Place and AEA.
-The director started in 2019.
-The center participates in Iowa Quality for Kids.

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

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, Chiropractor 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: 5

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-The center had choking hazards accessible to children under the age of three years. This included: art supplies, tacks, wall decorations, and the apples. The director should review the following with staff:
https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/reducing-risk-choking-young-children-mealtimes
https://nrckids.org/CFOC/Database/6.4.1.2
-Staff purses must be stored inaccessible to the children. The director should review the following with staff:
https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf
-The center is in need of a deep clean. There are also some cosmetic repairs that need fixed: broken cabinets, peeling paint, and flooring tiles coming up.
-Additional educational/engaging toys need to be accessible to the children. Director shared that they are available; however some have been misplaced, are in different rooms or just not placed where the kids could play.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The director is encouraged to have CCR&R come into the center for classroom arrangements/toy accessibility and additional guidance.

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.