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

Name of Center: Madison Early Head Start **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 38657

Street: 755 Madison Avenue **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51503 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: PO Box 709, Harlan, IA, 51537

Director's Name: Danni Segebart **Phone Number:** 712-352-2451

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** DSegebart@westcca.org
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Date(s) of Visit: 04-29-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 12-21-2023

Comments :

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	8	8		32
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2024 to 05-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-29-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made on 4-29-2025. The center opened on May 23, 2012. The program provides care to children six weeks to three year old. The center is located in a building next to Council Bluffs Head Start I, II and III. There are 16 children enrolled in the program.

Observation of rooms:
The program serves children infant to age three. The program rooms looked great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment, toys are rotated on a regular basis. Danielle Deitchler and Amber Rocha are the lead teachers for the younger children. Heidi and Rose are the teachers for the older children. Both rooms were in ratio. 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.
Please remove boppy pillows from the center as they are considered to be a health and safety hazard as their intent is to assist nursing mothers.

Nutrition:
The meals continue to be catered from Company Kitchen (formerly Treat America). Monthly menus are posted.
The center is on the federal food program.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing was done in May 2023 with a test result of 2.1 pCi/L. Radon testing information has changed and the frequency of radon testing may be less frequent. Test scores must be under 4.0 pCi/L.
Bleach/water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting, the three step bottle procedure is used.

Playground:
The center has a wonderful playground area for the children. The monthly playground safety checks are completed.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:
Children's files were read and emergency contact information was in excellent order.
Staff files were on a previous date at the administrative office and were in excellent order.
Staff meetings and training are provided.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Madison Early Head Start is a wonderful resource for the community.
The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and nurturing.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 5-1-2024 to 5-1-2026.
Off year licensing visit 4-29-2025.

*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.