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

Name of Center: MICA Head Start-FUMC **Enrollment:** 60 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18077

Street: 202 W Main St **City:** Marshalltown Iowa **Zip** 50158 **County:** Marshall

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

Director's Name: Nicole Ramirez **Phone Number:** 641-485-1896

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

Date(s) of Visit: 04-28-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-01-2021

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

Date Inspected: 10-07-2022

Comments : Fire Inspections are due at least every three years.

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: 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*

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

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2022 to 05-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Debbie Hammer **Date:** 05-25-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 4/28/23. The on-site supervisor was present during the 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. Jessica Pfantz is the on-site supervisor for this site, starting in this role in January of 2023. Jessica has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a Pre-K endorsement.

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. The St. Paul site is now closed and moved to this location. Classroom 1 has a capacity for 16 children, classroom 2 has a capacity for 17 children and classroom 3 has a capacity for 15 children. The total capacity for the program is now at 48. Each classroom has a sink and there is a girl's bathroom and a boy's bathroom in the hallway, each with a sink and 3 toilets in the girl's bathroom and two toilets plus a urinal in the boy's bathroom. 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.

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

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program has a QRS rating of 4 stars, based on a scale of 1-5 stars.

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.

This Head Start is in a good location as many of the families live in the area and this alleviates transportation concerns.

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

The program has been able to stay in ratio and maintain all three classrooms this past year.

The staff are flexible and work well together.

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

There were no aspects of operation that fell below the standards noted or observed during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Head Start contracts with Valley Services who also has a dietitian. The menus reflect the program is following the CACFP (food program) guidelines.

Radon testing is now due every two 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.

*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.