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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: 4C's Home Ties Child Care Center

Provider No.: 24279

Address: 405 Myrtle Ave, Iowa City, IA, 52246

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Trisha Morrison

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

Phone Number: 3193410050

E-Mail: hometies@iowa4cs.com

HHS Visit Date: 09/30/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2026 to 09/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/06/2025

Comments: Does Comply.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	32	32	32	0	96
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Overview:
This worker arrived at 4C's Home Ties Child Care Center - 24279 on 9/30/2026 for an annual visit. The center is nonprofit. The center is located inside of First Mennonite Church of Iowa City. The center utilizes six classrooms. The center also has a kitchen, two nap rooms and offices. The center's fire inspection was completed on 10/6/2025. The center is open year-around Monday-Friday from 7am to 6pm. The center provides care for infants-preschool aged children. The center's current enrollment is 41.

The center's director is Trisha Morrison. They started at the center in 4/2026. The director is working on completing a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

Safe/Sanitary and Hazard Free:
Staff and children did follow hand washing procedures. Staff did know how to appropriately clean, sanitize and disinfect. Staff did follow medication management procedures. Staff did follow diaper changing and safe sleep procedures.

Interactions:
The center staff did provide careful supervision and were in ratio. Interactions observed included: center choice play, a teacher reading a book, diaper changes, hand washing, lunch and nap. The center's curriculum is teacher created. The center does take walking field trips to the park.

Nutrition:
The center provides breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center ensures each child is served a full,

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nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff ensures that sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage were followed.

Administrative Duties:
All required postings were displayed on the date of my visit. Staff files and child files were in full compliance on the date of my visit. The licensing notebook showed that required drills, checklists and inspections were completed.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center communicates with parents/guardians via Brightwheel.
-The center does accept Child Care Assistance: Child Care Assistance | Health & Human Services
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/operation-support/nutrition-programs/child-adult-care-food-program
-The center has established a working relationship with Iowa Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Child Care Centers & Preschools | Iowa Child Care Resource & Referral
-The center has established a working relationship with Iowa Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNC) https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-The center has a huge hole near the playground. The center's playground fence also would allow the children to fall thru. These are significant hazards and must be remedied immediate.
-A window is leaking causing concerns of peeling paint, missing baseboards and possible mold.
-Laundry room has standing water/possible mold.
-Hand washing sinks and meal prep sinks are limited in the infant room. It would be extremely beneficial to remodel or rearrange to ensure appropriate sanitation.
-The center would benefit from additional locking storage.
-Child proof knobs/locks must be purchased to prevent children from having access to hazards. The center must ensure that children do not have access to plastic bags, diaper sleeves, diaper creams, staff purses, cleaning supplies, etc.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

-The center would benefit from having a new refrigerator/oven.
-The director is strongly encouraged to review: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/13741/download?inline and follow recommendations.

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations are issued, please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to visit your center. I encourage all centers to work with the following agencies:
-Iowa Care Resource & Referral: https://www.iowaccrr.org/child-care-providers/centers-preschools/
-Iowa Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci
-Child Care Collaborative of Iowa: https://midsioux.org/programs-services/children-and-families/ccci/

The director is reminded to email HHS current:
-Emergency Preparedness Plans
-Employee/Staff Handbook
-Family/Parent Handbook
-Fire Inspections
-Floor Plans: Indicating room descriptions and dimensions, including location of windows, doors, toilets and sinks.

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The director is encouraged to review and have all staff review:
-The center's Child Care Center Evaluation and Recommendation for License:
https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs_titan_public/ChildCare/ComplianceReport
-Iowa Code 109 (Date 7/2026): https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/chapter/441.109.pdf
-Comm. 204 (Date 7/2025): Comm. 204, Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures

Date: 10/28/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.