Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Mundo Pequeno LLC

Provider No.: 49597

Address: 1922 SW 1ST ST, Des Moines, IA, 50315

County: Polk

Director's Name: Guadalupe Castillo

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5152443906

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HHS Visit Date: 10/30/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 01/13/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 3

- [X] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 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	21		38		59
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Mundo Pequeno opened in March 2018. The center is located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through preschool age. Guadalupe Castillo is the owner and director of the center. Guadalupe was a registered in home child care provider prior to opening up the center.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Each classroom has a schedule posted. Classrooms have current lesson plans posted. Classrooms are supplied with age appropriate toys, supplies and furnishings. Classrooms have children's artwork displayed. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies.

Guadalupe assisted with today's visit. Children were observed in classrooms and on the playground. The infant classroom in divided into two smaller classrooms, one side for younger infants and one side for toddlers. There were twelve infants present. Three staff were working with this class. There were four toddlers present. Two staff were working in this room. There were twelve children were present in the 2's classroom. Two staff were working in the 2's classroom. There were eight children present in the 3's. One staff was working in this classroom. In the 4's class, there were ten children present. One staff was working with this age group. Children were doing child directed play and learning in centers. Staff were sitting on the floor in the infant classroom, interacting and reading books to the infants.

The center follows CACFP guidelines. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center has a two week rotating menu. Lunch served today was mini corndogs, broccoli, oranges and milk.

The center has a playground with fencing. There is one climbing structure. There is wood chips for surfacing material. The

center completes monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center participates in IQ4K and has a level 3 rating. The center has security cameras in the classrooms, parking lot and the playground. The center uses Bright Wheel . The center uses "My Teaching Strategies" for lesson plans.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)i: 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, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
A children's file needed a current physical and one file didn't have a physical.

109.13(1 and 2): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.Menus shall be made available to parents and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
The center was serving vanilla wafers for a snack, which aren't credible.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

This center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

Date: 10/31/2025

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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