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

Name of Center: Morris Early Childhood Center **Enrollment:** 44 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25127

Street: 2916 Northgate Dr **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2916 Northgate Dr, Iowa City, IA, 52245

Director's Name: Tricia Windschitl and Kirsten Williamson **Phone Number:** 319-248-1248

On-Site Supervisor(s): Hope Spragg **E-Mail:** Tricia-Windschitl@preucil.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-18-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-04-2022

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

Date Inspected: 02-03-2022

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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			51		51
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 01-22-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Morris Early Childhood Center on 1/18/2023. The center provides child care. The center offers services to preschool aged children. The center is open from 9:00am-3:00pm. The center has 44 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 2/3/2022.

The director's are Tricia Windschitl and Kirsten Williamson. Tricia started in 2002. She has a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Kirsten started in 2007. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Art and Elementary Education.

The on-site supervisor is Hope Spragg. Hope started in 2015. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education.

When this worker observed all program space. The classroom teachers were all engaged with the children. Children were painting, playing with connect toys, and a projector with light blocks. Later in the day children and staff went outside. The staff also read a book out loud to the children.

The center uses the following curriculum: Reggio Emilia Approach and the Suzuki Method.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center is not on the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The center has parents provide snacks and lunch. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit. The center did practice fire, tornado and emergency drills as required.

The center has a stage, swings, riding toys, sandbox, climbing structure, picnic tables, balls, and loose parts. Shade on the playground is provided by the building and trees.

The center does offer field trips. Parents/guardians and the children met the staff at Wilson's Apple Orchard. The children and staff also walked to the coffee shop for hot chocolate and cookies.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings. The center communicates with parents via the following app: Weebly.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has done a great job of maintaining staff. Tricia started in 9/2002. Kirsten started in 6/2007. Hope started in 2015. Jennifer started in 8/2017. Laurie started in 8/2019.
-Child and staff files were in full compliance.
-Music teachers offer Spanish and Sign Language.

-The center staff take additional trainings on the Reggio Emilia Approach and the Suzuki Method to ensure they have a thorough understanding of their curriculum.

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

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public.
-An inhaler needs a prescription label.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
-The center needs radon test completed. This must be done every two years.
https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/portals/1/userfiles/120/radon%20testing%20protocols%20for%20iowa%20child%20care%20centers%202019%20.pdf

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
-The center needs a fuel burning appliance inspection. This must be done annually.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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://idph.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.