Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

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: Allison Bettine

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

Phone Number: 3193410050

E-Mail: hometies@iowa4cs.com

HHS Visit Date: 12/05/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2024 to 09/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/10/2024

Comments: Does Comply.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 3

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	24	24	24	24	96
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Administrative Change: The center increased the capacity to 96 and will now serve school aged children to meet the needs in the community.

This worker arrived at 4C's Home Ties Child Care Center - 24279 on 12/5/2025 for the center's annual visit. The center is located inside of First Mennonite Church. The center has access to nine classrooms, an office, kitchen and a large motor room. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/10/2024. The center is open year around and open from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday-Friday. The center provides care for infants to school aged children. The center's current enrollment is 32 children.

The director is Allison Bettine. She started in 10-2025.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensured that: medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products, diaper changing procedures were followed and infant safe sleep procedures were followed.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

The center's curriculum is teacher created. The center provides bus transportation to and from the shelters. They also provide walking field trips. The City Bus is also used for children to go to the library.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance.

The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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-The center has Level 3 Iowa Quality for Kids until 2/28/2026.
-The center also offers services for the families they serve: https://iowa4cs.com/home-ties/
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance, and they have funding for temporary child care in some circumstances.
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
-The center partners with Table to Table, CCR&R, CCNC, Farm to ECE, Tanager Place and AEA.

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.
-A changing table needs replaced. Diapering stations or changing tables should have a nonabsorbent surface that may be covered with a disposable paper sheet.
-Plastic bags pose a suffocation hazard and must be stored inaccessible to the children.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations were issued please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/providerportal/DocumentViewer.aspx?ID=19 and Comm. 204: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/6489/download?inline

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Agencies play a vital role in supporting the quality of child care across Iowa by offering both on-site and virtual consultation services to licensed preschools, Child Care Centers, nonregistered Child Care Home providers and registered Child Development Home (CDH) providers. CCR&R agencies assist providers in complying with state regulations by offering expert consultation, training, and professional development opportunities to enhance the quality of care they provide. A key focus is supporting providers in achieving high performance within the Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) system https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/iq4k, which aims to improve child care quality across the state. In addition to supporting providers, CCR&R agencies also offer parent referral services and consumer education, helping families navigate the child care system and find quality care options.

Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNCs) are registered nurses who have early childhood training and are experts in child health, child care, and child safety. CCNC services are available statewide and are part of the Healthy Child Care Iowa program. ECE providers may call or email questions to their local CCNC about health and safety policies, health records, health resources, and specific child health or safety concerns. To contact your local CCNC go to https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci and click on the “CCNC Local Services Map”

Date: 12/10/2025

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**.