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

Name of Center: CAEI-Muscatine Head Start **Enrollment:** 47 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21166

Street: 148 Colorado St **City:** Muscatine Iowa **Zip** 52761 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: 500 E 59th St, Davenport, IA, 52807

Director's Name: Deb Perdomo **Phone Number:** 563-324-3236

On-Site Supervisor(s): Linda Torres and Jessica Hohenadel **E-Mail:** lraya@caeiowa.org tshannon@caeiowa.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-03-2023

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:** 01-05-2022

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

Date Inspected: 02-10-2022

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: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	16	40		64
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

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

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 04-06-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at CAEI Head Start on 4/3/2023. The center provides child care services for infants-preschool aged children. The center is open from 7:30am to 2pm. The center has 47 children enrolled. The center is located inside of two commercial building. The center is non-profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 2/10/2022.

The director is Deborah Perdomo. Deb has a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and 30 hours in Early Childhood. She started with Head Start in 1998.

The onsite supervisors are Linda Torres and Jessica Hohenadel. Linda started in 2002. Linda has her Infant/Toddler and Preschool Child Development Associate's. Jessica started in 2012. Jessica has a Bachelor's Degree and Teaching License in Elementary Education with an Endorsement in Early Childhood Education.

This worker observed all classrooms. The center's curriculum is Frog Street for Infant/Toddler and World of Wonders for Preschool. Conscious Discipline is used for emotional/behavioral management.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks (infant/toddler). The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit. The center did practice fire, tornado and emergency drills as required. The center completed radon testing as required. The center completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector installed as required.

The center's outdoor area included: large magnatiles, slides, climbing structures, picnic tables, kitchen area, sandbox, music area, playhouse, riding toys, chalk, basketball hoops, and riding path. Fall surfacing is the outdoor turf.

The center offers walking field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings. The center uses Child Plus to text and email parents.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-Child files and the licensing notebook were in full compliance.
-Outdoor play area weather updated from pandemic funding.
-The center purchased a washer and dryer.
-The food is catered by HyVee.
-The center has done a great job of maintaining teachers.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center's playground has some gaps between the fencing and ground. This should be repaired.

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.