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

Name of Center: MICA Head Start-Nevada **Enrollment:** 11 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18058

Street: 1037 8th St **City:** Nevada Iowa **Zip** 50201 **County:** Story

Mailing Address: 1001 S 18th Ave, Marshalltown, IA, 50158

Director's Name: Nicole Ramirez **Phone Number:** 515-485-8246

On-Site Supervisor(s): Marisa Chapa **E-Mail:** nicole.ramirez@micaonline.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-16-2024

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:** 11-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-18-2022

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Nevada Fire Dept

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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 01-09-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was completed 12-16-24. On-Site Supervisor Marisa Chapa was present through the visit.

This program is operated through MICA Head Start. The administrative offices are located in Marshalltown. Nicole Ramirez is the Early Childhood Program Coordinator, and is listed as the director over all the sites. Each site has a lead teacher who meets the 100 points required to be a director. Maria Chapa is the on-site supervisor.

This program is in operation only during the school year, opening in September and closing in May. Children attend Monday-Friday from 7:00 am-4:00 pm.

Head Start uses space in the lower level of the NCRC (Nevada Community Resource Center) building. Some remodeling had been done so they have an approved secondary exit, a chair lift has been installed along with updated widows and restrooms. They limit their enrollment to 16 children. They use the school playground which is located one block over.

The classroom was clean and nicely organized. There is a variety of age/developmentally appropriate toys/activities. The children were on a rest period and were observed to be content. There was a good structure maintained as staff would attend to the children if needed during the rest period also. The program uses Frog Street Curriculum and have an application for child sign in/out. There are restrooms available adjacent to the program area. There are are handwashing posters hung and Tornado/Fire exit plans posted.

The program offers lunch/snack that is catered by Fareway with a menu in line with CACFP guidelines and that is rotated. This is served family-style in the classroom.

Medication is kept securely and there are backpack type first aid kits readily available. Fire/Tornado Drills were documented having been completed as required. There is a carbon monoxide detector in the hallway leading to the program space.

The children walk for fieldtrips; the program does not offer transportation. Playground is located on the school property, just adjacent to the center. This playground is new and maintained by the school.

Information for mandatory reporter, handbook accessibility, license, fire/tornado plans, and non-smoking signs were conspicuously posted. Five child files were reviewed with two children missing updated physical forms and one missing immunizations; Employee files are kept at the central office and 2 files were requested for review; reviewed and contained all required information.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

MICA Head Start continues to provide a strong and consistent program that meets the needs of many of the families in the community.

This MICA Head Start is the only MICA in Story County and serves families from surrounding areas.

The program partners well with the school district and with the Resource Center where the program is located.

The program offers all day care which is a benefit for families.

The children are ready for kindergarten.

The program addresses the social/emotional component with children and this has been beneficial for the children.

The staff are trained in PBIS and Conscious Discipline. The staff provide for positive interactions with the children and provide a safe environment for the children.

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

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 1

109.10(1)a: 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, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 2
*the program had excluded a participant until updated physical and immunization was received. Another was missing information required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The last test was completed in 3/2022 and fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

The menus reflect the program is following CACFP guidelines.

*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.