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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: MICA Head Start-Nevada

Provider No.: 18058

Address: 1037 8th St, Nevada, IA, 50201

County: Story

Director's Name: Nicole Ramirez

On-Site Supervisor: Marisa Chapa

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HHS Visit Date: 12/03/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/03/2025

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

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 4

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	
Tuesday		7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	
Wednesday		7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	
Thursday		7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	
Friday		7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

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

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced annual visit was completed 12-3-25. 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. The program uses Frog Street Curriculum and have an application for child sign in/out.

The program offers snacks and lunch, that is in line with CACFP food guidelines for healthy eating. This is served family-style in the classroom.

The children walk for fieldtrips; the program does not offer transportation.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

MICA Head Start Nevada participates in Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) which is Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) licensed Child Care Centers and preschools, registered Child Development Homes and programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or nonpublic school. IQ4K® provides five levels of quality (building blocks) that programs can achieve and continue to improve on PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) training provides educators with the skills to implement a school-wide framework for improving student behavior and well-being.

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.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects identified that fall below standard.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full 2 year license is recommended.

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

The menus reflect the program is following CACFP guidelines.

Date: 01/14/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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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**.