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

Name of Center: CAEI-Muscatine Head Start **Enrollment:** 43 **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: Rachel Smith **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: 01-11-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-03-2024

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

Date Inspected: 03-12-2022

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 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 01-31-2024

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-MUSCATINE HEAD START on 1/11/2024. The center provides care for infants-preschool aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:30am-1:30pm. The center has 43 children enrolled. The center is located inside of two commercial buildings. The first building is for infants to one year old children. This building has an infant room, one year old room, large motor room, office, and a kitchen. The second building has a three year old room, and a four to five year old room, offices, storage space and a kitchen.

The director is Rachel Smith. Rachel has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She started in 7/2023.

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

The center is nonprofit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 3/12/22.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast and lunch. The center caters from Hy-Vee. 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 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 play area was not inspected due to snow.

The center uses Frog Street Curriculum. The center does not offer field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-Staff did a great job of being on the same level of the children. In one classroom a staff was reading a book to a group of children, in another classroom staff and children were playing with manipulative toys together and in the last classroom staff was supervising the children while they napped.
-The center installed lights on their sink faucets to identify how long the children should wash their hands.
-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining employees.
-Classrooms are clean and nicely organized.
-The center does a great job of ensuring that closets and offices are inaccessible.

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:

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://hhs.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.