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

Name of Center: CAEI-Muscatine Head Start **Enrollment:** 48 **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:** tcritten@caeiowa.org lraya@caeiowa.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-16-2025

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:** 01-03-2024

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

Date Inspected: 11-17-2023

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*	*Summer Only*

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

QRS Rating: 3

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:** 04-16-2025

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 – 21166 for an annual visit on 4/16/2025. The fire inspection was completed on 11/17/2023. The center is nonprofit. The center is in two commercial buildings. One building has an infant room, one-two year old room, kitchenette, and large motor room. The second building has a three-year-old room and four year-five year old room, offices, and kitchen. Infant room and toddler room is open year around. Preschool rooms are open during school year only. The hours of operation are 7:00am to 2:00pm. The center provides care for infant-preschool aged children. The center has 48 children enrolled.

The director is Rachel Smith. Rachel has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She started in 1/2022.

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.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. This worker observed the infant room staff on the floor engaged with the children in the large motor room. The one-two year old room was completing diaper changes, potty training, hand washing, and the other teacher was coloring with the children. The preschool room they were outside playing.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits. This worker observed safe sleep practices during my visit.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program The center offers breakfast and lunch.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed.

The center does communicate with parents via in-person conversations, text messages/phone calls, and group messages through Child Plus.

The center's curriculum is Frog Street.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program: https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/trainers-tools
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining child care staff.

-The child files, staff files and licensing notebook were in full compliance.
-Classrooms are clean, nicely decorated and welcoming to those who enter.
-The center is a secured facility parents and staff enter via doorbell. Staff have swipe cards. Cameras are in classrooms, hallways and outside.
-Staff did an excellent job of being engaged with the children.
-The director reads and implements the emails HHS sends her.

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:

This worker would suggest the following opportunities for improvement. A safer closet door in the large motor room, or remove the doors and add a gate/picket fence. This worker is concerned that fingers could get pinched in the folding doors.

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all HHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period. As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf. This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year.

This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center's CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/ Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings.

Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center's CCNC consultant visit: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programsand-services/child-care/hcci

*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.