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## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St Francis Child Care

Provider No.: 16556

Address: 310 Columbus DR, Marshalltown, IA, 50158

County: Marshall

Director's Name: Julie Graber/Ashley Hazen

On-Site Supervisor: Deb Heil

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HHS Visit Date: 12/02/2025

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

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 12/15/2023

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years.

**Report Visit Type:**

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

**License Type:**

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

**Quality initiative:**

- [ ] Accrediation

**Program Duration:**

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

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| HOURS: | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sunday | | | |
| Monday | 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM | | |
| Tuesday | 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM | | |
| Wednesday | 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM | | |
| Thursday | 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM | | |
| Friday | 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM | | |
| Saturday | | | |

**Program Population Served:**

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

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Aged | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | 35 | 59 | 94 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**1. Basic Overview**

An unannounced annual licensing visit was completed 12-2-25. Director Ashley

This program had been known for many years as MACS Child Care. The name has been changed to St. Francis Child Care, and it continues to be located in St. Francis Catholic School. This school building is for elementary age children through sixth grade. This is a secure building that requires visitors to ring a buzzer to be let inside. The school principal is Mrs. Jill Graber and she is the interim director, starting in this position in November 2024. Mrs Graber meets qualifications to be the director. Ashley Hazen has been hired and is in the process of completing additional trainings to assume the role of director. Deb Heil is an on-site supervisor.

This program provides preschool sessions, a before and after school care, and all day child care. Children must be three years old and toilet trained to participate in any of the programs. The program provides for three year old preschool sessions and wrap around care for when the children are not in preschool. The four year old preschool program is under the SWVPP. The four year old preschool children can also receive wrap around care for when they are not in their preschool session.

Childcare hours are 6:30 am-5:30 pm during the school year. The program is again offering summer care and will be a year long program permanently.

The preschool offers a T-Th morning session for the three year old children, from 8:30 am - 11:30 am, or a W-F morning session, same hours.

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These preschool classes are open to any children from the community who wish to attend. Most of the children who attend the preschool also use the child care program for the days and times they are not in preschool.

St Francis Child Care program meets in one large room and uses the making reading heavenly curriculum along with the procare application to communicate with parents. During the school day the gym/cafeteria is not used very much, but after school they use it for large motor play for the school age children and programming space. The program can also use the library for space. The children were lining up to play outside when this visit was taking place. The children were content and staff were attentive and nurturing.

Program participants are offered breakfast, morning snack, Lunch and after noon snack, that is prepared in line with CACFP heathy eating.

The program has use of the schools playground, checks were documented as completed. The children also have access to the gym for large motor play when needed.

Transportation: NA

**2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program**

The center has good communication with the families.

There is consistency in expectations of the children between the preschool and the child care program.

The center provides all day (year round) childcare which is a benefit to families who would need this due to working schedules.

The parents are supportive of the program and are happy with the program.

Enrollment is strong.

The school administrative team is a support for the center and works well as a team.

**3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard**

The director (Ashley) has scheduled to have updated training completed and there is a set appointment to update the staff physical exam.

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

N/A.

**5. Special Notes/Recommendations**

The last radon testing was completed in December of 2022 and all rooms tested fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

A full two year license is recommended.

Date: 12/18/2025

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**.