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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Fremont Mills Early Childhood Center

Provider No.: 51105

Address: 1114 US Highway 275, Tabor, IA, 51653

County: Fremont

Director's Name: Allyson Forney

On-Site Supervisor: Jessica Schreck

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HHS Visit Date: 07/21/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2026 to 09/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/24/2026

Comments:

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	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	8	17	20	30	75
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Fremont Mills Early Childhood Center on 7/21/26. The center is located at the Fremont Mills Elementary School in Tabor, Iowa. Year-round child care services are provided to children two years old to school age. The center will provide care to children 18 months to two years old if they are developmentally ready. Allyson Forney is the director. She is the principal of the elementary school. Jessica Schreck continues to be the on-site supervisor. She started her position in May 2022. The hours of operation are 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. School age hours during the school year are 6:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Monday, 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM Tuesday through Friday, and 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. Thirty-nine children are enrolled during the summer. Their enrollment is higher during the school year. The Child Care Nurse Consultant was at the center doing medication administration testing during my visit. I met with Jessica during my visit.

Observation of rooms:
There are three programming rooms. The toddler room is for 18 months until a child turns three years old. The Littles room/preschool is for three- and four-year-olds. The two rooms are located across the hall from the school age program. The programming rooms look nice and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and toys. The toddler and preschool rooms were in ratio. The school age children were at lunch during my visit. The younger children were napping. The center uses Read it Again curriculum. The lesson plans/activities looked great and were in every room. Staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The center uses the Brightwheel Child Care app. They do daily sheets for diapering and napping. I instructed Jessica to include food intake for the children under two years old. The preschool classroom teacher was very creative and motivated to provide the best services to the children possible. Toys are rotated every 1-2 months.

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Nutrition:
During the school year, breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack are provided by the school. During the summer, the school provides breakfast and lunch. The center will provide a snack at an additional cost or the children can bring their own snack. The children can also bring their own lunch. Menus were posted in every room and on the Brightwheel App. Even if the program isn't on the federal food program, you still need to follow the CACFP food program guidelines. The center is looking into the CACFP food program. Proper food storage was being used in the kitchenette.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills were practiced and documented. The center has all electrical appliances. The center was previously informed that since the center is in a school, the Department of Education is responsible for radon testing and DHHS licensing isn't required to review the radon information any longer. However, this is incorrect. Since the center provides care to children who are not yet school age, they are required to complete radon testing even though they are in a school. Please complete radon testing in every room the children utilize. The center follows medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication. They had one child on rescue medication and is kept in Jessica's office in the school age room. It is easily accessible to staff yet inaccessible to the children. Nap mats are washed weekly. Bleach water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting and they are using the three-step bottle process: 1. Soap and water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing, and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. The Child Care Nurse Consultant talked with Jessica about other options besides bleach water while I was present. Toys are sanitized daily and disinfected weekly. First aid kits were in every room.

Playground:
The playground is located behind the building. The playground has a climbing structure, race track for the tricycles, and a large open space for running and playing games. The school age children use a different playground. Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Administrative records:
Three staff files were reviewed and were in good order. One staff member did not have the annual professional development hours. Six children's files were reviewed and were in good order. Two files did not have the doctor and dentist listed and one did not have a current physical exam. Make sure you have the name and phone numbers for the doctor and dentist. The immunization records for the school age children are with the school nurse. Jessica has done a great job learning the HHS rules and regulations. She is very proud of the program and is creative and enthusiastic. Jessica talks with staff on a daily basis. Staff communicate with parents on the Brightwheel App.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The child care center is a wonderful resource for the community. The center is a great facility with a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The staff had excellent interactions with the children. Jessica Schreck and staff are very proud and enthusiastic about the program. There is a weekly newsletter. The program has received services from Child Care Resource and Referral and the Child Care Nurse Consultant. Jesssica reported that their strengths are their staff develop good lesson plans, they have a structured routine, they develop good relationships with the parents, and staff longevity. Their goals are to apply for grants and expand to serving infants at some point down the road. They used a grant to put sound buffering panels in the school age room. They may apply for IQ4K in the future. The center is enrolled in the WAGE$ program.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. Three staff files were reviewed and were in good order. One staff member did not have the annual professional development hours.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care. Six children's files were reviewed and were in good order. Two files did not have the doctor and dentist listed and one did not have a current physical exam.

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

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 9/1/26 to 9/1/28.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Jessica their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Jessica said their training is more specific for the teachers in dealing with behavioral issues, Jessica steps in if a staff member needs a break, teachers will switch rooms, and staff are comfortable asking for help.

Date: 07/23/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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**.