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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Milford Head Start

Provider No.: 30273

Address: 1525 Three Cross Rd, Milford, IA, 51351

County: Dickinson

Director's Name: Angie Mitchell

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HHS Visit Date: 09/17/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 01/06/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 2

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			14		14
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

On 09/17/25 I completed an unnuanced visit at this center. I was able to speak with on-site Alyssa Storfferan. Ms. Stofferan has BA in social Work and has worked several years with children. Milford Head Start is a program administered through Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. The program is in a wing of the Three Cross Church. The capacity of this center is 14 children. There were 12 present at the time of my visit.

The purpose of the visit was to observe daily operations, review compliance with licensing standards, and ensure that health, safety, and educational practices were being met.

During the visit, I observed staff actively engaged with children in a variety of activities, including circle time, free play, art, reading, outdoor play, etc. Staff were attentive and responsive, providing redirection and guidance as needed to maintain structure and a positive classroom atmosphere. There were schedules posted. The classrooms were arranged into distinct learning centers, offering opportunities for exploration and development across areas such as blocks, dramatic play, reading, science, and art. Materials and toys were accessible to children, in good condition, and developmentally appropriate. The environment was clean, well-organized, and inviting.

I observed appropriate health and safety practices, including handwashing routines, sanitation of toys and surfaces and safe food service. The program contracts Hy-Vee in Spencer to provide breakfast and lunch. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows CACFP nutrition guidelines, and menus were posted
First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Annual heating inspection is not needed as the building is all electric. The center has a radon mitigation system. The building is all electric so no fuel burning assessment is needed.

The outdoor play area includes a large grassy space with adequate shade available for children’s play and recreation. The building is all electric so no fuel burning assessment is needed. There is also a large room indoors that they can utilize for play.

Should the center go on a field trip they utilize the RIDES program for transportation

The center's goals are continuing with their IQ4K levels. They are currently at level 2.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program. This helps strengthen relationship with the families involved in this program. They further have 2 parent/teacher conferences yearly as well as home visits.

Staff interactions with children reflected warmth, encouragement, and positive reinforcement. The center maintains steady staffing, which provides consistency and helps support strong relationships with children and families.

This center is very clean and well organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year

Date: 09/22/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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