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

Name of Center: Morris Early Childhood Center **Enrollment:** 46 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25127

Street: 2916 Northgate Dr **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2916 Northgate Dr, Iowa City, IA, 52245

Director's Name: Tricia Windschitl and Kirsten Williamson **Phone Number:** 319-248-1248

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jenn Richman **E-Mail:** Tricia-Windschitl@preucil.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-07-2024

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:** 02-19-2024

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

Date Inspected: 03-02-2023

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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			51		51
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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:** 03-13-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Morris Early Childhood Center for an annual visit on 3/7/24. The center provides child care for preschool aged children. They currently has 46 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center has 2 classrooms, the music room, art studio, the den, large motor room, kitchen, storage areas and an office.

The directors are Tricia Windschitl and Kirsten Williamson. Tricia started in 2002. She has a master's degree in early childhood education. Kirsten started in 2007. She has a bachelor's degree in art and Elementary Education.

The on-site supervisor is Jenn Richman. She started in 8/2017. She has a Bachelor's in Speech and Hearing and a master's degree in Therapeutic Recreational.

The center had a fire inspection completed on 3/2/23.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center has parents provide morning snack and lunch. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center has a full stocked first aid kit. The center practiced emergency drills as required. The center had completed radon testing as required. The center had completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector.

The center's curriculum is inspired by: Reggio Emilia Approach and the Suzuki Method.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has done a great job of maintaining staff. Tricia started in 9/2002. Kirsten started in 6/2007. Jennifer started in 8/2017. Laurie started in 8/2019.
-Child and staff files were in full compliance.
-The center staff take additional trainings on the Reggio Emilia Approach and the Suzuki Method to ensure they have a thorough understanding of their curriculum.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the

child's name.
-Prescription medications must be stored in original containers with the physician or pharmacist directions.
-Emergency medications: Develop an action plan with nurse consultant, parent/guardian, and director. Place medication, action plan, medication authorization and picture of the child in a red pencil bag. To ensure that all staff know where emergency medications are located hang this red pencil bag above the light switch (out of children's reach) on a command hook of the classroom the children is located. This helps ensure everyone knows where the medication is, it helps remind staff that there is an emergency medication in the room, and it is a friendly reminder to take the emergency medication with you if you need to leave. Directors must ensure that staff know how to use emergency medications.
-You can find more information about emergency medications, action plans, etc on the Healthy Childcare Iowa website: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

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://idph.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.