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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Tiger Tots Community Child Care Center Inc

Provider No.: 25684

Address: 613 W North ST, Madrid, IA, 50156

County: Boone

Director's Name: Mikaela Dew

On-Site Supervisor: Kyla White

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HHS Visit Date: 01/28/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2025 to 02/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/27/2024

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years for licensing purposes.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] 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 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	10	10	17	10	47
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 1/28/26. The director was present throughout the inspection.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Tiger Tots Community Child Care Center, Inc. is a child care center located in Madrid, IA. The center utilizes two classrooms (one is divided by a half wall to create a second classroom within the one classroom) on the lower level of the Madrid Nursing Home. The center has been in operation since 1975 and serves children ages 18 months through five years in age using a combination of the Creative Learning Curriculum as well as their own curriculum developed over the years. TOTAL CHILD ENROLLMENT IS CURRENTLY 45.

The center is overseen by a Board. Mikaela Dew became the director of the center in December of 2020 when the previous director retired. Mikaela has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Mikaela worked at Tiger Tots as a staff and preschool teacher for nine years prior to becoming the director. She meets the qualifications for director. The on-site supervisor of this center as of 8/2022 is Kyla White. Kyla has past experience working in child care and has taken a number of professional development training courses to meet the requirements for this position.

The center provides preschool classes for three year old children and also provides the Universal Pre-K program for four year old children through the school district. Preschool classes are held Monday - Thursday in both the AM and PM. Times are based on the age of children.

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During the inspection, the preschool children were outside on the playground initially. Later, they were observed in free-choice play at the different learning stations available to them in the preschool classroom. All of the children in the other big classroom (that is divided into two sections) were just getting on their cots to take an afternoon nap. Children questioned gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. Toys, cots, tables, and other equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily. Diaper changing tables are disinfected after each use.

NUTRITION: The center serves breakfast, AM snack, lunch, and PM snack. The lunch is provided by Madrid Homes which is also located in the building. The center participates in CACFP and all food menu items and food storage was sufficient. \

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center goes of field trips during the summer months. They contract with the school district for a bus and bus driver. The center is also a pick-up/drop-off site for school-age children.

PLAYGROUND: The center has a large playground space that is divided into two sections for child age groups. There are climbing structures, swings, and a sandbox. There are plenty of trees to provide shade.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center is a part of the Iowa Quality Preschool Program and participates in IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

The center has partnered with the school district for their Universal Preschool program.
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The center has their own website.

The center has support from Madrid Home as Madrid Home provides some essential services the center benefits from such as providing lunch every day for children and staff, washing dishes, laundry facilities, etc.

The center participates in the food program (CACFP).

The director feels staff are very caring and nurturing; as well as observant and aware of the needs of the children.

The director continues to believe the center is family oriented and that they have good communication with families. The center also uses the Bright Wheel application for communication with parents.

The center values their staff and show staff they are appreciated by having different events throughout the year for their staff, recognition boards for good work, etc.

A radon mitigation system was installed in 2021.

The director is organized.

Staff photos are posted near the entrance.

Over the past year, some internal painting has been done. The playground was also split up into two sections (older children and younger children).

The center will be celebrating their 51st anniversary later this year.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

On the playground, There are bolts along the new fence put in that are two long. No more than two threads should be showing. There is not enough wood chip surfacing depth at the bottom of the slide of the younger child climbing structure. Finally, the black plastic border of the sand box is cracked in one area creating a potential safety hazard.

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

The playground issues should be corrected when weather permits and before next year's inspection.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing was last completed 11/27/23 - 11/30/23. Radon levels in both classrooms came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The last annual boiler inspections expire in 8/2026 and 10/2026.

I-Power were discussed again at the visit. It appears most if not all staff have I -Power profiles and are uploading training hours. Mandatory Reporter and First-Aid/CPR will need to manually be uploaded to profiles.

Date: 01/28/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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**.