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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Morris Early Childhood Center

Provider No.: 25127

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

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Tricia Windschitl and Kirsten Williamson

On-Site Supervisor: Jenn Richman

Phone Number: 3192481248

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HHS Visit Date: 12/15/2025

Licensing Period: 03/01/2026 to 03/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/23/2025

Comments: Does Comply.

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	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM		
Tuesday	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM		
Wednesday	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM		
Thursday	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM		
Friday	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			51		51
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at Morris Early Childhood Center - 25127 on 12/15/2025. 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 center's fire inspection was completed on 9/23/2025. The center is open during the school year only Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm. The center provides care to preschool aged children.

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.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, staff know how to use the cleaning, and sanitizing and disinfecting products.

The center has the parents provide morning snacks and lunch. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of

disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

The center's curriculum is inspired by: Reggio Emilia Approach and the Suzuki Method. The center does not provide transportation. Parents or the City Bus provide transportation for field trips. Field trip examples include Stanley Art Museum, Harvest Reserve and the History Museum.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance.

The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-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.
-The center added a new outdoor classroom including music, science, large motor activities, fairy/tea garden, sensory path, and gardens. Casey Jay's Place of Play is in memorial for a student's mother.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations were issued please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/providerportal/DocumentViewer.aspx?ID=19 and Comm. 204: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/6489/download?inline

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

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Date: 01/18/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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