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

Name of Center: Fremont Mills Early Childhood Center **Enrollment:** 55 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51105

Street: 1114 US Highway 275 **City:** Tabor Iowa **Zip** 51653 **County:** Fremont

Mailing Address: PO BOX 310, Tabor, IA, 51653

Director's Name: Allyson Forney **Phone Number:** 712-629-2325

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jessica Schreck **E-Mail:** aforney@fmtabor.org jschreck@fmtabor.org

Date(s) of Visit:

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** X **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 05-02-2022

Comments : A plan of correction was requested within 15 days of the inspection date, was that done? and if yes did you get a new inspection report?

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 X 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	8	17	20	30	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2022 to 09-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-27-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Fremont Mills Early Childhood Center on 3-21-2023. The center is located in the Fremont Mills Elementary School in Tabor Iowa. Year round child care services are provided to children two years old to school age.
Allyson Forney is the director, she is the principal of the elementary school. Jessica Schreck became the on-site supervisor in May 2022. The hours of operation are 6:00 am to 6:00 pm during the school year, summer hours may vary. School age hours 6:00 am to 9:30 am Mondays, 6:00 am to 8:00 am Tuesday - Friday and 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.

55 children are enrolled.

Observation of rooms:
There are three program rooms. Two rooms are for children two years old to preschool age located across the hall from the school age program.
The program rooms look nice and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and toys. There were eleven children in the two year old/preschool room with three staff. The children were having a snack and playing.
Katherine, the lead teacher for the preschool room prepares excellent lesson plans/activities.
The school age room had nine children, the children were having a snack. The school age room needed lesson plans/activities.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The center uses the Brightwheel Child Care app.
Staff apply for the staff incentive grant.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided by the school, the children can also bring their own lunch. Menus were posted.
Even if your program isn't on the federal food program you need to follow the CACFP food program guidelines.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills were documented.
You need a current annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection.
Radon testing continues to be required, your school/Department of Education is responsible for making sure it is done.
The center follows medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication.
Please review your emergency policies and procedures and make sure you have all of the DHS required policies, and review them with all staff.
Bleach/water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting and they are using the three step bottles - 1. Soap/water for cleaning 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your product for sanitizing or disinfecting.

Playground:
The playground is located behind the building. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Administrative records:
Jessica meets with all staff on a regular basis. Jessica has done a great job learning the DHS rules and regulations. She is very proud of the program and is creative and enthusiastic.
Jessica maintains child and staff files.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your 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 has done a great job learning the DHS rules and regulations.
The program has received services from Child Care Resource and Referral in the past.
I was very impressed with the lead teacher in the preschool room, she develops excellent lesson plans/activities.

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

109.6(2): Director or on-site supervisor on-site during the hours of operation or a minimum of six hours of center's hours of operation.
Information on on-site supervisor's qualifications is submitted to the consultant prior to employment and is sufficient to make a determination.
On-site supervisor meets qualifications or is "qualifiable" with a plan established to meet qualifications.

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 9-1-2022 to 9-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 3-21-2023.

Administrative change 4-27-2023 increase capacity to 75 children. The center is adding children under two years old. The fire marshal approved the center for infant age children.

*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.