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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Little Warriors Y Club

Provider No.: 52284

Address: 206 S D ST, Sergeant Bluff, IA, 51054

County: Woodbury

Director's Name: Abigail Schultz

On-Site Supervisor: Halle Brester

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HHS Visit Date: 09/23/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/09/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				128	128
Summer				50	50

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit on 07/2/25 at the Little Warriors Y Club. I initially spoke with on-site Bridgette as well as Director Abigail Schultz. She is currently the director of the Siouxland YMCA childcare center and oversees a school age program at Dakota Valley School in McCook SD. Ms. Schultz has her bachelor's degree and has several years working with children. This program uses the lunchroom and gym of the Sgt. Bluff Elementary School. The program serves school agers TK thru 5th grade. The program operates during the school year and offers a morning 6:30am to 8:30am and 3:15 to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday. Once a month on Wednesday the program in the afternoon is from 2:20pm to 6:00pm. The program also offers a summer program at the school but limits the number of kids to 50.

The program currently has 119 children enrolled in the program. There were 76 children present at the time of my visit. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of activity room, observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The program offers a variety of activity centers for children, including art, kitchen play, books, games, crafts, computers, puzzles, and Legos. A daily schedule of activities was posted, and sufficient equipment and toys were available to support children's play and learning. The program utilizes a STEAM-based curriculum, which integrates science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics into daily activities. This approach emphasizes hands-on, inquiry-based learning and encourages children to explore, experiment, problem-solve, and think critically. In addition, the program provides access to the gym to support the development of large motor skills. Staff were observed actively engaging with the children in their care, participating in games and activities alongside them. They provided encouragement, guided interactions, and supported children's learning through positive communication and involvement. The center provides homework assistance for students who need additional support. Staff offer guidance, encouragement, and resources to help children complete assignments.

The first aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills need to be documented each month along with playground inspections. Radon testing has been completed.

The program does provide a snack, and they follow CACFP guidelines. During the summer program children bring their lunches which are kept in the refrigerator. The refrigerator has thermometers and is at the appropriate temperature. Staff do need to defrost the freezer. During the summer, the program provides academic activities in the morning and schedules field trips in the afternoon. Children are transported to these activities using the Y buses. Field trips may include visits to Y facilities, local parks, or other community locations.

Goals of the program are becoming IQ4K certified.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

I observed very good engagement between staff and children. Staff were actively participating with the children which is a very good quality in this type of program.

The Little Warriors Y program is very organized and clean.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)j: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.

109.11(8)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The director needs to email consultant by 11/01/25 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected. It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR for support.

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: 09/24/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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