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

Name of Center: Muscatine Community Y Kids Club **Enrollment:** 122 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20297

Street: 1823 Logan St **City:** Muscatine Iowa **Zip** 52761 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: PO Box 978, Muscatine, IA, 52761

Director's Name: Amy Hessel **Phone Number:** 563-263-9996

On-Site Supervisor(s): Rachel Adams **E-Mail:** ahessel@muscatiney.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-17-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-01-2024

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

Date Inspected: 01-27-2023

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 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			30	90	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 07-17-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Muscatine Community Y Kids Club on 7/17/2024. The center provides childcare for preschool-school aged children The center is open from 6:45am to 6:00pm. The center has children 122 children enrolled. The center is located inside of the Muscatine Community Y. The center is nonprofit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 1/27/2023.

The director is Amy Hessel. Amy started in 6/2007. Amy has a Bachelor's Degree in English.

The on-site supervisor is Rachel Adams. Rachel started in 2/2006.

This worker observed all classrooms. The center's curriculum is teacher created.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast and afternoon snack during the school year. During the summer they provide two snacks and lunch. The center gets lunch from the hospital. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit. The center did practice fire, tornado and emergency drills as required.

The center offers field trips. Field trips include the aquatic center, discovery park, the marsh, Wild Cat Den, etc.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has maintained the director since 2007 and the onsite supervisor since 2006.
-The center can utilize the gym, swimming pool and outside area at the Y including the trail.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center is using walkie talkies to ensure quality communication.
-The center has a board to reflect where children are located: wellness, child's choice, craft, stem, and teen center.
-The center director generally is at the podium to greet parents for pick up/drop off.
-Child and staff files were in full compliance.

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

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

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.