

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

Name of Center: Y's Kids at Hudson Elementary **Enrollment:** 29 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46505

Street: 136 S Washington St **City:** Hudson Iowa **Zip:** 50643 **County:** Black Hawk

Mailing Address: 425 Lafayette St, Waterloo, IA, 50702

Director's Name: Rachel Scott & Mindy Sternhagen **Phone Number:** 319-234-7589

On-Site Supervisor(s): Austin Miller, Hannah Sanderman & Emily Overly **E-Mail:** ywcakids@ywcabhc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-08-2019

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **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: 06-14-2018

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age
 Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>
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LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	0	30	30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 02-01-2018 to 02-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost

Date: 01-29-2019

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 01/08/19 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Y's Kids at Hudson Elementary in Hudson. I met with Austin Miller, the on-site supervisor. Hannah Sanderman and Emily Overly are additional on-site supervisors. Rachel Scott and Mindy Sternhagen are the co-directors for the program. Ms. Scott has been with the center since 2000 and has previous child care experience. Ms. Scott has a BA in biology and philosophy. Ms. Sternhagen has been with the program since 2002. She has a BA in Elementary Education and her CDA. The program has two staff members present while it is in operation.

The program is located in Hudson Elementary. They primarily operate out of a classroom on the second level of the school. They are able to use the gym on occasion during the afternoon program. The before and after school program operates Monday through Friday from 6:30-8:00 am and 3:15-6:00 pm. The program serves children who are in Kindergarten through sixth grade. There are currently 29 children enrolled.

Artificial lighting is used in the classroom and gym. The centers observed include art, library, blocks/Legos, games, table toys, and puzzles. Centers are stored on shelves located in the classroom.

I visited the program during the morning session. The classroom was in ratio.

The children primarily use two bathrooms located in the hallway outside the classroom. The girl's bathroom has three toilets and two sinks. The boy's bathroom has one toilet, two urinals and two sinks. Handwashing procedures were posted in the girl's bathroom, but must also be posted in the boy's bathroom. There is a water fountain outside the bathrooms. There are additional bathrooms located in the school.

The program has a cell phone they use and emergency numbers were posted. Emergency fire and tornado procedures were posted by the classroom door. A daily schedule was posted and an activity calendar was available for review.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. A fire and tornado drill was not practiced in December 2018. Both drills must be practiced monthly and documented. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. Radon testing, a fuel burning inspection and a carbon monoxide detector are not necessary because the program is exempt from environmental assessments as a before and after school-age program located in a public school building. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 06/14/18.

There were cereals and Bunny Grahams that were not stored according to NHSPS guidelines. Once a food item is opened it must be dated and stored in a sealed plastic, metal or glass container. Menus were posted on the parent board, but the breakfast menu was outdated. Please keep updated menus posted for breakfast and snacks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The YWCA has a good working relationship with the school. They have good communication with one another.

The program meets a need for parents who require care for their children before and after school.

The program is a leader in the field of inclusive childcare.

The program serves a diverse population. They serve children with different ethnic backgrounds, abilities, economic status and social abilities.

I observed the staff interaction with the children and it was terrific.

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

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year. Fire and tornado drills must both practiced monthly and documented.

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. You must post handwashing procedures in the boy's bathroom.

109.15(5): Food preparation and storage procedures are consistent with NHSPS. There were cereals and Bunny Grahams that were not stored according to NHSPS guidelines. Once a food item is opened it must be dated and stored in a sealed plastic, metal or glass container.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 319-292-2429; email rfrost@dhs.state.ia.us so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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*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.