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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: YWCA Children's Center

Provider No.: 18570

Address: 317 7th Ave South, Clinton, IA, 52732

County: Clinton

Director's Name: Kelli Riley

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 06/03/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2026 to 09/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/13/2026

Comments:

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	6:00 AM to 9:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 9:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 9:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 9:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 9:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	30	17	58	30	135
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 6/3/26. The center director for this site is Kelli Riley. Kelli is qualified with two years of experience working at this center prior to becoming the director as well as the completion of some CDA classes. Kelli was present on the day of this visit along with other staff. This is a large non-profit child care center providing child care to infants through school-age children. School age children currently attend this site for after school and on non school days. The YWCA has a detailed organizational structure. The center consists of licensed program space on three levels of the YWCA facility. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. The center director states the center uses the Creative Curriculum Guided Addition, for school age children, the Grow It Try It Like It curriculum, and for the infants and toddlers the center uses a free curriculum though the director can not recall the name of the curriculum. The center reports enrollment of 98 children at the time of the visit.

The center consists of the following rooms on the main level of the buildings; Grasshopper (previously was dragonfly, prek, four/five year old, possibly school age in summer, currently not set up for child care at the time of the visit), Dragonfly (corner room, previously was grasshopper, three year old preschool and three through five year old child care), Caterpillar (previously was ladybug, youngest infants), and Ladybug (previously was caterpillar, 12 through 23 months). The following rooms are included in the renovated portion of the building: infant/toddlers open/close room (room One, smallest room, used at opening and closing for age zero through 23 months), Firefly Room (room two, middle room, three through five years childcare), and Bumblebees Room (room three, two years). The "Youth Room" is upstairs from the renovated portion and is a large room used for school age children. Program rooms are generally organized and supplied with accessible materials to support program needs. The grasshopper and dragonfly rooms share a restroom/sink area between the two rooms. Rooms One, Two, and Three include hand washing sinks within the program rooms. Rooms Two and Three include adjacent restrooms for each room. Other rooms with diapering activities include appropriate diapering

stations and additional hand washing sinks within the room. The second floor room includes an adjacent restroom area (two toilets and two hand washing sinks) and the school age children again have use of the single restroom area located at the bottom of the stairs from their room. All program space was observed.

The center is able to use the gymnasium (located on second floor of the building) and pool for the YWCA in the same building. Pool time is available for children three and up once per month.

Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, dinner, and evening snack are served at this center. Meals and snacks are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. The kitchen area continues to be highly organized. The center does participate in the CACFP.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center director states that two of the rooms are being repainted. The center provides a nice selection of parent/family community resource information at the entrance to the center. Most of the rooms are bright with windows to the outside. Children's crafts and projects are posted. Staff were observed to be engaged with the children in a variety of activities. Staff and child files and other required documentation for licensing were found to be highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(13)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.
1. Fire and tornado drills not documented for 5/2026.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.Sufficient lighting shall be provided.Sufficient ventilation.Sufficient heating.Sufficient cooling.Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
1. Staff personal bag, disinfecting wipes, plastic bags accessible to children in the fireflies room.
2. Staff purse accessible in the youth room and plastic bags accessible and no paper towels at the hand washing sink in the restroom area of the youth room.

109.11(4)b: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
1. Inspection not documented for 5/2026.

109.13(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.
1. Surfaces used for food preparation/food service activities not properly cleared off and cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to that activity as is required.
2. Children bringing toys to the food tables without staff intervention. Children should wash hands and be seated at the table for food service, miscellaneous items shall not be brought to the table.
3. Staff did not wash hands immediately prior to beginning food service activities.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with (director) their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance.
The center director provided the following responses:
1) I think expectations work best when they are clear, consistent, and reinforced through coaching and trainings. Our policies are made or a reason.

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2) I took a training and try to teach those strategies that help us recognize first our own signs of frustration, they are different for everyone. When you can do that then the following suggestions.
Take a breath before responding
Respond, try not to just react
Calming techniques that work for you
Know when to ask for help
3) I monitor then as best as I can through observations, suggestions of certain trainings and sometimes shadow another staff.

The administrative change aspect of the report reflects the change in license capacity based on the current configuration of the rooms. The individual room names and capacities are as follows:
Caterpillar Room (formerly Ladybug, 0-12 months) = 7 children (cribs)
Ladybug Room (formerly Caterpillar, 12-23 months) = 17 children
Dragonfly Room (formerly Grasshopper, 3 year old preschool, 3-5 year old child care) = 16 children
Grasshopper Room (formerly Dragonfly, 4-5 year old prek and child child care) = 25 children
Infant/toddlers Open/Close Room (room 1, 0-23 months) = 6 children (cribs)
Firefly Room (room 2, 3-5 year old) = 17 children
Bumblebee Room (room 3, two year old) = 17 children
Youth Room (school age) = 40 children (added the use of a restroom area at the bottom of the stairs)

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Ensure water bottles are not taken into the restrooms with children.
2. Ensure children's water bottles go home or go through the dish washing process at the center daily or before used again.
3. Improve procedures for standing diaper changes when shoes and clothing need to be removed. Provide a disposable/non absorbent paper liner for children to stand on and to set their clean items on during the process. Staff shall assist children with these diaper changes and follow diapering procedures. This was reviewed with the center director.
4. Ensure miscellaneous items are not set on cot. This has been noted previously.
5. Improve storage of clean bedding items so that they are maintained separate and sanitary.
6. Refrigerator in the infant/toddler opening/closing room needs to be cleaned and ensure that it maintains temperature of 40F or below.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

Date: 07/28/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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