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

Name of Center: YSS United Kids Club **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51476

Street: 1284 U Ave **City:** Boone Iowa **Zip** 50036 **County:** Boone

Mailing Address: 420 Kellogg Ave, Ames, IA, 50010

Director's Name: Nichole Schroer **Phone Number:** 515-291-0374

On-Site Supervisor(s): Katie Highland and Janaya Battles **E-Mail:** NSchroer@yss.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-30-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 03-16-2022

Comments : Boone Fire Marshal. For licensing, inspections are due at least every three years. Boone Fire Marshal typically does more frequent inspections.

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	0	0	20	180	200
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 07-31-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 7/30/24. The director as well as one of the on-site supervisors were present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

YSS United Kids Club is a center located within the United Community School that was given permission to open on 6/3/21. YSS took over the previous child care program that was located in this school. The center serves Pre-K children and school-age children and is open year-round. During the school-year, the center is open 6:30am - 8:00am and 3:00pm - 6:00pm. There is one early out per week where children attend earlier. During the summer months and no school days, the center is open 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center uses four areas of the school (Large gym capacity 206 but not a main area used, small gym capacity 59, K1 room capacity 23, Pre-K room capacity 37. However, capacity as a whole has been capped at 200 children.

The director of this center and the other YSS programs licensed by this consultant is Nichole Schroer. The on-site supervisors are Katie Highland and Janaya Battles. All three individuals meet the qualifications for their positions and have past experience being directors and/or on-site supervisors, and/or classroom staff.

During the visit, children were observed in the smaller gym playing with the learning stations made available to them. Staff were spaced out and interacting with children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center meets a need of the community. Enrollment remains steady.

This is one of several YSS programs. They all function in similar way, have the same handbooks, can shift staff as needed, and are overseen by the same management.

The director is organized and has lot of experience working in child care.

Monthly staff meetings are held. On-site supervisors of all YSS locations also have weekly staff meetings. Finally, one-on-one meetings are held with staff.

The director stated she is proud of the center's curriculum they use and she showed some of the concepts of the curriculum to this consultant.

The center has a good working relationship with the school principal and other school personnel. The center also has good

family relationships.

The center is using the on-line apps Class Dojo and Pro-Care.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: All children need to have a doctor and a dentist listed. One file had a dentist on initial paperwork, but it was missing on the most current annual update.

109.11(7)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.
An annual inspection report was not available on the day of the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last conducted 9/8/23 - 9/11/23. The preschool classroom came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual HVAC inspection is past due.

The center takes field trips in the summer months. They contract with the school district for bussing.

I - Power and IQ4K were again discussed at the visit. It appears all staff have I - Power profiles. Staff should continue to upload their annual professional development training certificates to their profiles.

As previously mentioned, It is recommended that the director be granted access to staff physicals and record check information as making sure staff have these items and they are always current are part of the director responsibilities.

*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.