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

Name of Center: YMCA Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 96 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6567

Street: 1701 S 8th AVE E **City:** Newton Iowa **Zip** 50208 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: 1701 S 8th AVE E, Newton, IA, 50208

Director's Name: Serenity Bookout **Phone Number:** 641-792-7021

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** serenity.bookout@newtonymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-24-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-24-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-17-2023

Comments : date of compliance - 5/24 /23

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: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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	16	20	70	30	136
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-08-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The YMCA Early Learning Center has been in operation since 1993. The center offers child care services for children ages infancy through school age. The center has several program rooms within the YMCA building. There is a secured entrance that parents use to enter the daycare center. Serenity Bookout is the director. She's been in this position since November 2021. Serenity has been employed with the YMCA since 2018.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Serenity was present and assisted with the visit. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules are posted by classroom doors. Majority of the classes had lesson plans.

Serenity assisted with today's visit. The infant classroom had seven infants present. There were two staff working in this classroom. The baby toddlers classroom had three toddlers present. One staff was working with this class. The toddlers classroom had eight children present. There were two staff working in this classroom. The 2's classroom had ten children present. There were two staff working in this class. The 3's class had eleven children present. Three staff were working with this group. The 4's/5's classroom had nineteen children in attendance. Three staff were working with this class. Eighteen school age children were present. Three staff were working with this class. Children were observed in classrooms and on the playground.

The center has a full kitchen. The center has a full time cook. The center participates in CACFP. Breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack are served. Menus are on a four week rotations with some modifications for seasons.

The center has two playgrounds. One playground is used by toddlers through the 4/5's classroom. There is poured rubber surfacing, concrete paths and artificial grass turf for surfacing. There are a few small climbing structures, swings, picnic tables and other outdoor toys available. The second playground is used by school age children. There is poured rubber surfacing. There are swings and a large climbing structure. There is a soccer field and spacious grass area. The center completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The daycare participates in QRS and has a quality rating of three stars. The centers are well furnished with age appropriate supplies and toys. The center can use the YMCA's gym for large motor play activities.. The center has a few playgrounds that are specifically developed for different age groups.

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.
Drills weren't documented for April, May, June 2024. Serenity was on leave during those months. She is aware of the drills needing to be completed and documented monthly.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7833; email mlarson@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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