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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Y's Kids at North Cedar

Provider No.: 46384

Address: 2419 Fern AVE, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613

County: Black Hawk

Director's Name: Sherry Davenport

On-Site Supervisor: Sarah Braden

Phone Number: 3192347589

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HHS Visit Date: 10/15/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2025 to 12/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 03/25/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Tuesday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Wednesday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Thursday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Friday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

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

1. Basic Overview

On 10/15/25 I made an unannounced licensing visit to Y's Kids at North Cedar Elementary in Cedar Falls. I met with Sarah Braden, the on-site supervisor. She has worked with the YWCA since February 2023. She is in the master's program for speech pathology. Sherry Davenport is the director. She has worked with YWCA since 2021 and was previously an on-site supervisor in one of the latchkey programs. Abby Adams is the assistant childcare director. She has a BA in elementary education with a minor in social/emotional learning. She previously worked in one of the latchkey programs. Three staff members are present during the morning hours and three staff members are present during the afternoon hours.

The program is in North Cedar Elementary. The before and after school program operates Monday through Friday from 6:30-8:30 am and 3:45-6:00 pm. On Wednesdays the program has an early dismissal time of 1:50 pm. The program serves children who are in kindergarten through sixth grade. There are currently 20 children enrolled.

The program primarily operates out of the cafeteria. The cafeteria is an open space that allows for free play and organized activities. Natural lighting is used in the cafeteria. The program is also able to use the gym. The centers observed include art, Legos, games, magnets, table toys, and transportation. Centers are stored in a closet outside of the cafeteria.

I visited the program during the afternoon session. The program was in ratio. The number of children in the program at any one time is changing constantly because of children arriving and leaving.

The children use two bathrooms in the cafeteria. The girl's bathroom has four toilets and the boy's bathroom has two toilets and two urinals. There are three sinks outside of the bathrooms. Handwashing procedures were posted. There are additional bathrooms located in the school.

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The program has a cell phone. You must post the emergency numbers with the program's address and phone number. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the main program doors and outside exits in the cafeteria and gym. A daily schedule was posted.

Staff members keep a binder that provides information on who has permission to pick up each child. It also has information for each child on allergies, medications, photo release and travel permission.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills.

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 03/25/24.

The YWCA provides breakfast and an afternoon snack. Menus were posted and were available for review. Disposable products are used so dishwashing is not necessary. The children eat in the cafeteria. There is a refrigerator in the cafeteria for the YWCA program. A thermometer was not present. You must add a thermometer. Food items were stored according to the NHSPS guidelines.

The center uses Sani-T to sanitize the food tables.

The playground has rubber tiles for surface safety cushioning. It has climbing equipment that includes slides, monkey bars, a climbing wall, a rope wall and other climbing activities. There are swings, teeter totter, steppingstones, spinning toys, and a playhouse. There is a GaGa Ball area and a large grassy area for the children. There is a basketball court. Trees provide shade.

There is a gym available when the children cannot go outside.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the cafeteria. The mandatory reporter, childcare consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously posted. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

The children's files were reviewed at the time of the licensing visit. I reviewed six children files. They were in great condition.

On 09/25/25 I reviewed one staff file at the YWCA of Black Hawk County site. The staff member had outdated first aid, CPR and universal precautions training. There was no documentation of on-going training hours. As an on-site supervisor she must take eight hours of on-going training.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff members were engaged in free play with the children. Staff members were spread out to provide clear supervision. They have a good routine and schedule for the children. They introduced activities to the children. They maintained positive conversation with the children at the tables. They reminded the children of the rules and used positive redirection when necessary. The children appeared to enjoy their time at the program.

Ms. Braden states they typically try to take the children outside or to the gym. When they are in the gym they play group games.

Ms. Braden states the children play well together. She states they would rather play with one another than with the staff members.

Ms. Braden states the program is structured but flexible. They adapt to what the children want to do because they are here for the children.

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Ms. Davenport is the new director and she is doing great in this position. She previously worked as an on-site supervisor at a school site so she knows the expectations and she is dedicated to making the school programs successful.

The program provides a valuable resource to parents who require before and after school care. Parents do not have to worry about transportation for childcare.

The program had easy to read child enrollment forms.

Y's Kids is a time for the children to unwind, relax, be creative, and enjoy the company of friends in a safe and friendly environment with positive caring adult role models.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(6): Telephone: Working phone with posting adjacent for emergency numbers for police, fire, and poison control center. Center street address and phone included in posting.List of emergency numbers for children kept near phone. The program has a cell phone. You must post the emergency numbers with the program's address and phone number.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

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

An administrative change is being made to name Sherry Davenport as the director. She became the director in April 2025. The change was reported to Barb Sederburg in April 2025.

An administrative change is also being made to name Sarah Braden as the on-site supervisor.

Date: 10/16/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost

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