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

Name of Center: YSS Roland-Story Kids Club **Enrollment:** 41 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 17926

Street: 900 Hillcrest DR **City:** Story City Iowa **Zip** 50248 **County:** Story

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

Director's Name: Nichole Schroer **Phone Number:** 515-291-1564

On-Site Supervisor(s): Julianna McKim **E-Mail:** NSchroer@yss.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-18-2023

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:** 04-21-2022

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

Date Inspected: 01-20-2021

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three years.

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 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				50	50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2022 to 06-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Debbie Hammer **Date:** 05-25-2023

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 5/18/23. The director and On-site supervisor 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- Roland Story Kids Club is located in the elementary school in Story City. Morning hours are 6:30-8:15 am, and afternoon hours are 3-6:00 pm. During the summer and no school days the hours of operation are 6:30 am-6:00 pm. This program meets in the multi-purpose room. There are boys and girls bathrooms within this space so children never need to leave the room to use the bathroom. The program also has access to the gym in the school.

Nichole Schroer is the Director for this program, as well as the other YSS programs in the area, starting in this role in July of 2022. Nichole has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and has several years of experience in the child care field. Nichole was the previous Kids Club program coordinator. She meets qualifications for this position. Julianna McKim is now the Kids Club program coordinator and is acting on-site supervisor until a permanent on-site supervisor is hired.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a well established program that has been in existence for many years.

The program partners well with the school and the school is very supportive of this program. Staff are able to speak with school staff so that both school personnel and YSS staff are on the same page and consistent with children's behaviors and expectations.

This program provides tutoring to the children and also partners with America Reads/America Counts which is an Iowa State University program for reading and math.

This program offers several activities for the children and takes several field trips during the summer. The children will go to the pool twice a week and the park once week, as well as the library once a week during the summer.

The program has a good routine with the children, and structure.

The program provides positive structure for the children and develops themes to engage the children.

YSS started a Roland/Story Circle of Champions Committee for the Roland district in which YSS, principals, the superintendent and parents attend meetings to discuss the needs of the community and services.

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

There were no aspects of operation that fell below the standards noted or observed during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*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.