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

Name of Center: Young-Uns Preschool & Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 318 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19238

Street: 3375 Kennedy Circle **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52002 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 3375 Kennedy Circle, Dubuque, IA, 52002

Director's Name: Deb McDonnell/Barb Weber **Phone Number:** 563-584-0845

On-Site Supervisor(s): Samantha McDonnell **E-Mail:** barbweber25@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-12-2023

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:** 03-02-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-08-2021

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit 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	43	24	112	58	237
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 5

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-26-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 4/12/23. Present were the co-directors of the center, Debra McDonnell and Barbara Weber along with other staff. The center is family owned by Leonard and Margaret Young, parents of the directors, and is for profit. The building was built as a child care center and opened in May 2007 to combine two locations previously owned by the family. The center does provide before/after and non-school day care for school age children. It is noted that the center director, Deb, accompanied the licensing consultant throughout most of the visit. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool program.

The main center building consists of a main and lower level with several program rooms located on each floor. The center also occupies a portion of a separate building ("Hillcrest building") that is on property adjacent to the main center property. The main center building provides care for children age infant through school age. The additional building provides preschool programming as well as before and after and non-school day care for school age children in a total of four program rooms.

Program rooms and materials are generally well maintained and organized. Rooms are generally very well stocked with age appropriate furniture and accessible materials to support programming needs. All program space was observed. All program rooms have restroom areas adjacent to the room. Most of the rooms also include hand washing sink(s) within the program rooms. The rooms where the majority of diapering occurs also have diaper station(s) and foot pedal operated hand washing sinks within the program room.

The center serves morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack all prepared in the kitchen on site by the kitchen staff. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The kitchen area appears clean and continues to be highly organized. The lead cook staff are ServSafe certified.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The owners/directors are experienced in child care and have an obvious interest in the continued success of the center. The center continues at the highest five star QRS rating which is excellent. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The center is bright and nicely decorated throughout with displays of the children's projects. Program rooms include many postings at child level throughout the center. The center regularly participates in the local AEA program where materials can be borrowed to supplement program activities. Daily activities are communicated to all parents through the online application the center uses. The center kitchen has new commercial grade refrigerator and freezer and has added new double ovens. The center director states that all lead staff are working on completing PBIS training, and the center plans to dedicate staff to support other staff in implementing the program. The center director states the center is also working on all lead and assistant staff completing the ITERS and ECERS trainings. The center does a good job of maintenance and upkeep of the buildings and property from year to year. Licensing documentation and staff and child files continue to be highly organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.6(6) Record checks. c. Iowa records checks. Checks and evaluations of Iowa child abuse and criminal records, including the sex offender registry, shall be completed before the person's involvement with child care at the center.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have evidence that the Iowa record check has been completed.

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have mandatory child abuse reporter or essentials certifications completed.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. Countertop surfaces used to prepare food items in the polar bears room was not properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior as required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Two of the center's buses need the required no smoking posting.
2. Diaper station surface in the koala and panda rooms is quite worn and needs to be replaced with a solid non porous surface so that it can be properly cleaned and disinfected as required.
3. Ensure freezer in sting ray room maintains temperature of 0F or below (observed at 12F) or do not store any food here.
4. Improve storage of food service items and clean linens within cabinets in the polar bears room.
5. Ensure all bathroom spray bottles are clearly labeled for this location of use only.
6. Ensure all medication authorizations include the specific beginning and ending dates for the period of authorization.

This 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.

*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.