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

Name of Center: YMCA Childcare-Findley Elementary **Enrollment:** 56 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39516

Street: 3025 Oxford ST **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50313 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: PO Box 370, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Melissa Williams **Phone Number:** 515-975-8762

On-Site Supervisor(s): Laura Baddgor **E-Mail:** Arc.Simmon-Curtis@dmymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-28-2024

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:** 02-24-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-12-2022

Comments : Des Moines Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years for HHS licensing.

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				60	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-29-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 3/28/24. The new director was present as well as the new on-site supervisor for this visit.

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

YMCA Childcare - Findley Elementary opened in 2012. The majority of programming is held in the school's gym, cafeteria, and the outdoor playground area. The center serves school age children who attend this school. During the school year, the center operates after school from 2:30pm - 6:00pm. During the summer months, programming is 8:30am - 4:00pm. If there is no school, there is no programming during the school year.

The new director of this program as of 7/2023 is Melissa Williams. Melissa is also the director at the YMCA King Elementary program. Melissa has a BA degree as well as past experience working in child care. The new on-site supervisor as of the fall of 2023 is Laura Baddgor. Laura has a BA degree as well as past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were divided up into two different groups based on their ages. Older children were outside with their staff members playing on the playground and the climbing structures. Younger children were in the cafeteria and broken down into smaller groups doing different things based on the learning stations available to them. Children questioned gave sufficient and specific answers as to where they go for monthly fire and tornado drills when they are at the YMCA programming. There continues to be good program structure and a good flow of transitioning from different activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program is beginning the IQ4K process. This is a voluntary program based on best practice.

Enrollment has increased over the past year.

There is a lot of open space for the center to use.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel including the school nurse, school principal, and a school behavioral liaison.

Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis.

There are different agencies/programs that come into the center weekly to offer such things are tutoring, art and things of that nature.

The director and on-site supervisor believe the program has a good working relationship with the families they serve.

The new director and new on-site supervisor are both experienced working in child care. Both individuals also appear to be organized.

All YMCA programs that provide child care to children operate in a similar fashion.

A behavioral specialist has been hired within the past year.

There are weekly meetings between supervisors, directors, on-site supervisors, and behavioral specialists.

There is a good system in place for tracking and monitoring children during field trips away from the center.

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

109.5(1): Written policy notifying parents of unlimited access provisions.
A court order regarding parental contact was missing in one file.

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.
One staff member is past due for completing Essentials Training.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. On the playground:
1. There is a large somewhat jagged hole in the fence that needs to be repaired.
2. There is a broken fence pole on the opposite side of where #1 is located.
3. The bolts along the backstop fence on the playground need to be cut/capped so that no more than two threads are showing.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
February 2024 inspections were not recorded.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing because they only serve school-age children and in a school building.

The center contracts with the school district to take a bus for field trips and/or they have a YMCA bus and driver. Field trips are only being taken during the summer months. They also sometimes bring in presenters for children.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

Another hand washing sign needs to be posted in the girls restroom.

If parents don't want their child to have sunscreen, a doctor's authorization signed/dated is needed.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.