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

Name of Center: Spirit Lake Y Kids **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 29244

Street: 2901 Hill AVE **City:** Spirit Lake Iowa **Zip** 51360 **County:** Dickinson

Mailing Address: Camp Foster YMCA INC1900 41st ST, Spirit Lake, IA, 51360

Director's Name: Andrew Fisher **Phone Number:** 712-330-0212

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** andrew.fisher@okobojiymca.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-20-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-09-2024

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

Date Inspected: 02-08-2024

Comments :

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				73	73
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 05-27-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The Spirit Lake Y-Kids is a licensed childcare program provided by the Bedell Family YMCA, serving families in Spirit Lake school districts. Designed for school-aged children (ages 5–12), the program offers structured before and after-school care, as well as summer childcare options. Its mission is to support working families by providing a safe, enriching, and convenient environment for children during out-of-school hours.

Hours of Operation:
- Morning Care: 6:00 AM – Start of School
- Afternoon Care: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

The Summer Adventure Club is offered in the summer. It is available for children aged 5 to 10 years, this program offers a full-day summer childcare with a mix of educational and recreational activities, opportunities for social interaction and personal growth. They go swimming at the YMCA, several times a week as well as go on a weekly field trip.

They do have financial assistance if needed. It is easy to apply for this program on the Internet.

The program has a very detailed handbook online that explains activities and expectations of children who participate. It further explains the expectations of staff who are employed there.

This worker completed an unannounced visit on 05/20/25 at the main office with Director Andrew Fischer and HR person George. This worker completed an administrative review of files and other necessary records.

At 8:00 am this worker went to the site which is located in the Spirt Lake Middle School. The children's files are kept at the site. There are currently 45 children enrolled in this program. The Y kids utilize the lunchroom, gym and playground. There is a variety of games, activities, homework assistance and crafts to occupy children's time.
The playground was observed to be well cared for and is taken care of by the school.

I observed that staff engaging with students about their day are the activity they were involved in. Students were identified by name when they came in.

Child files were up to date and had all emergency contact information available.

These students are fed a snack and milk from school. The Y follows CACFP guidelines.

The goals of the program are to continue to be able to maintain quality staff and to continue to work on IQ4K certification.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The staff engage the students upon arrival.

The atmosphere is positive.

Staff know the names of the children in the program .

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

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.

There are several staff who are in need of an update CPR and First Aid certificate.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff files are located at the main Bedell Family YMCA building.

Please provide an email to consultant correcting those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards by 07/01/25

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.