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

Name of Center: YMCA Childcare - King **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52082

Street: 1849 Forest Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50314 **County:** Polk

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

Director's Name: Melissa Williams **Phone Number:** 515-729-2694

On-Site Supervisor(s): Courtney Jolly **E-Mail:** Melissa.Williams@dmymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-17-2024

Licensing Visit X **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:** 11-21-2022

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

Date Inspected: 09-14-2022

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

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				100	100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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: Nate Knepper **Date:** 04-19-2024

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 4/17/24. The director and the on-site supervisor were both present 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 - King Elementary opened in 1/2023. 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 2:45pm - 5:30pm. During the summer months, programming is 8:30am - 4:00pm. The director of this location is Melissa Williams. Melissa has a BA degree as well as many years of experience working in child care. Courtney Jolly is the on-site supervisor at this location. Courtney has an AA degree as well as past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were all in the cafeteria and broken down into smaller groups and engaged in free-choice play. Some children were playing with blocks. Some children were playing with manipulative and dramatic play toys. Some children were doing arts and crafts. Staff were spaced out and sitting at the tables and chairs with the children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

YMCA has taken over running this program. They have several other programs in Des Moines and the Des Moines metro. All programs operate in similar fashion, have same handbooks, staff are interchangeable as needed, etc.

The director and the on-site supervisor have a lot of experience working in child care.

The center has visual "zones" posted that they use for emotional and behavioral feelings.

There is a lot of storage space.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

Weekly staff meetings are held. Staff have regularly scheduled meetings and trainings with other YMCA site staff throughout the year as well.

The center uses an online application for files called, Core.

The center works in collaboration with United Way and has other community supports as well.

The center participates in the program 5,2,1,0.

The director and on-site supervisor believe they provide a family-like atmosphere for the families and children they serve.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1 newer staff member did not have a physical in the hard copy file.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: All children enrolled in the program, regardless of age, need to have listed a doctor and a dentist. Information needed is the name, address, and phone number of each.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
Evacuation procedures still need to be posted in the gym. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

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. 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. There are two areas on the playground where the black plastic border is cracked and will need to be repaired or replaced.
2. Staff need to know the dwell times on the disinfectant product they use.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located in a school and only serve school-age children.

For transportation/field trips, the center contracts with the school district. Field trips are generally only taken during the summer months.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

It is recommended the center license, this consultant's information posting, the Mandatory Reporter posting, and the food menu all be posted next to each other and on top of the bulletin board.

The center should keep a copy of all Fire Marshal inspections in their safety binder.

*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.