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

Name of Center: TLC - Summer Y'ers **Enrollment:** 23 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6234

Street: 1100 Maple St **City:** Atlantic Iowa **Zip** 50022 **County:** Cass

Mailing Address: 1100 Maple St, Atlantic, IA, 50022

Director's Name: Leslie Haynes **Phone Number:** 712-243-3934

On-Site Supervisor(s): Danielle Lyons **E-Mail:** lhaynes@nishnavalleyymca.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-19-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 06-20-2025

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				150	150
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: Tausha Bottorff **Date:** 08-28-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to TLC - Summer Y'ers in Atlantic, Iowa on 8/19/25. TLC - Summer Y'ers is located in the YMCA in Atlantic, Iowa. Leslie Haynes is the director and Danielle Lyons is on-site supervisor. Danielle has been the on-site supervisor for 2 ½ years. The program is for children in kindergarten to fifth grade. The program operates before and after school during the school year, on no school days, and full days during the summer. Programming is offered from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Staff from TLC escort the children (pre-kindergarten to third grade) to and from Washington Elementary School, which is located near the YMCA. A few children that attend the TLC YMCA program attend Schuler Elementary School which is located across the street and serves fourth and fifth grade children. These children walk to the YMCA on their own. There are 23 children enrolled in the program. Danielle Lyons was present on the day of my licensing visit. I met with Danielle who showed me around and we went over licensing guidelines.

Observation of room: The program room looked nice and had a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. I observed the children eating lunch. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Although they did not sit with the children while they were eating, they tended to the children when they needed something. The children also use the gym and the pool is used occasionally.

Additional program space was added in the gym 49' x 75' = 3,675 square feet divided by 35' per child = 105, (the previous license capacity was 45) the license capacity was increased to 150 children. The daily schedule and lesson plans are posted. Danielle reported that the book with the lesson plans was on her desk. She said the lesson plans/activities are more detailed during the summer since the children are there all day. During the school year the hours are shorter due to only being there before and after school and they have activities for the children.

Nutrition: During the summer the program participates in the free breakfast/lunch program at the school across the street. The center provides the daily snack. The center participates in the federal food program. The free breakfast/lunch program has ended for the year, so lunch is delivered from Company Kitchen and the center supplies snacks. Most of the kids bring their own breakfast or have already eaten by the time they arrive in the morning. The center provides food that meets CACFP standards.

Health and safety: Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. Danielle is the only med certified staff. There are currently no children on medication that the center has to dispense. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was done in May 2024 with a test result in the acceptable range. There was a first aid kit but it was not labeled. Danielle was not aware they had an emergency preparedness kit. She later talked with Leslie and located where it is. Danielle notified me they do have the kit and she now knows where it is located. All staff need to be aware of the emergency procedures. Danielle said she has trained staff in emergency procedures and where to find the book with the emergency procedures.

Playground: The program uses the playground at the school when they go for lunch. There is a grass area at the center and the sidewalk area. Danielle didn't have the playground safety checks during my licensing visit. I emailed her the list so she could start doing monthly checks.

Transportation: The program doesn't provide daily transportation services. Walking field trips are taken and SWITA - Southwest Iowa Transit is used for field trips.

Administrative records: Staff meetings are held monthly. Danielle is responsible for staff files and tracking record checks, training etc. Three children's files were reviewed and all were current. Two staff files were reviewed and one staff file was missing their annual training hours. Danielle will email me when the staff's training is current, which will be done by 10/1/25. Danielle will review all files to make sure they are current.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Leslie Haynes is the director and she supervises on-site supervisor Danielle Lyons. Danielle has trained staff in a variety of topics i.e. lesson plans/activities, emergency procedures, etc. The program is a wonderful resource for the community. The staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Fun, hands on learning experiences are offered daily. The program receives grants for equipment and supplies. The program is fortunate to be able to utilize the gym, youth room, and the swimming pool at the YMCA.

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

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
One staff member was missing their annual six hours of training. Danielle will email me when the training is current. It is to be done by 10/1/25.

109.10(7): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips (away from the center).
The center had a first aid kit, but it was not clearly labeled. The first aid kit needs to be labeled.

109.11(4)b: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
The center has not been keeping monthly inspections of the outdoor recreation area. I emailed a copy of the recreation checklist to Danielle, and she will begin doing monthly checks.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 6-1-2024 to 6-1-2026.
Danielle will review staff files and make sure their training is up to date. She will email me by 10/1/25 verifying the training is current. Danielle will also label the first aid kit and notify me when it is complete. Danielle was provided with a checklist for the outdoor recreation area so she can begin doing monthly checks.

*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.