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

Name of Center: YWCA Children's Center Lyons Campus **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 37702

Street: 250 20th Ave North **City:** Clinton Iowa **Zip** 52732 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: 317 7th Ave S, Clinton, IA, 52732

Director's Name: Alisha Pope Wosoba **Phone Number:** 563-242-2190

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** childrenscenter@ywcaclinton.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-23-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-02-2022

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: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age 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	26	20	36	10	92
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2022 to 06-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 03-27-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 2/23/23. This is one of several non profit YWCA owned and operated child care centers in Clinton. This site has been in operation since January 2012. The YWCA has a well-defined organizational structure. As of January 2023, Alisha Pope Wosoba is now the center director. Alisha had previously been the on site supervisor for the program. Alisha was present at the center for this visit as were other staff. The center operates out of a portion of a renovated older building. The building is owned by New Directions, a substance abuse treatment program for the Clinton area. The YWCA pays a maintenance fee to New Directions to use the space for the center. The building serves other community functions as well. Except for when the children may use the gymnasium in the building, the center's currently licensed space is separate and secure. The center does not currently participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. It is noted that the center currently leases one of the program rooms to the school district where the school operates a voluntary preschool program. The center is not currently utilizing that room for any center functions.

The center consists of the following program rooms: Dragonfly Room (three to five year old); Grasshopper Room (currently not in use by the center because it is leased to the school district, however, not removed from total capacity at this time because the center plans to discontinue this arrangement in the near future); Caterpillar Room (six weeks to 18 months); Ladybug Room (12 months to 23 month birthday); and Bumblebee Room (two/three years old). Program rooms were generally well supplied with materials to support program needs. Program rooms include restroom areas adjacent to the rooms as well as additional sinks within the program room itself. Some sinks are at child level. Diaper stations are constructed within the counter top areas in the rooms that need them with the exception of the dragonflies room where there is a diapering station located within the restroom area. All program space was observed.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Typically, all food service comes from the main YWCA site and is brought to this site in heat holding containers. Minor preparation is then done on site in the center's kitchenette area. However, the main building is being remodeled at the present time, including the kitchen space, therefore, a kitchen located in this building is being utilized for food preparation activities for both centers. This is a temporary arrangement and has been approved by the fire inspector.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center continues to be managed by an experienced staff. Though she is new to the center director role, she has been with the center for several years and as the on site supervisor. The facility itself is bright with windows in each program room. The general appearance of the center provides for a very child and family friendly environment. The center continues with QRS four star rating through 12/31/23. Licensing documentation and staff files were found to be organized.

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

CHILD FILES:
109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.

1. _3_ child files reviewed did not have the annual update.

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.
2. _2_ child files reviewed did not have dentist information.
3. _1_ child file reviewed did not have the emergency consent.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
1. _2_ certificates not considered valid.
2. _1_ expired provisional certificate.
***Valid certificate is required to be on file at the center for a child to be attending.

109.9(4): Daily written records are maintained for each child under two years of age and include time periods slept, amount of/time food consumed, time/irregularities of elimination patterns, general disposition, and general summary of activities.
1. The general summary of activities needs to be included for each child on the daily record.

109.11(3)d Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
1. Playground inspections not documented for 3/2022 through 12/2022.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.
Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
1. Current activity/lesson plan not posted for dragonfly room.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Label diaper waste can for this material only in the caterpillar room.
2. Ensure doors are never propped open for the infant room(s). These areas have to be safe from intrusion of older children. It is recommended that doors not be propped open at any time to prevent children from getting out of the room unnoticed.
3. Clearly label the hallway locations of first aid kits and ensure these are stored out of reach of the children. This has been noted previously.
4. Morning schedule needs to be posted for the ladybug room.
5. Ensure all refrigerator and freezer unit have visible working thermometers. Freezers shall maintain temperature of 0F or below. Refrigerators maintain temperature of 40F or below.
6. Spray bottles for diaper stations found to be cross located in several rooms. Diaper station spray bottles shall be used in that area only.
7. Child files need organization, and the center is reminded to use a tracking system to help ensure compliance.

The 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.