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

Name of Center: Muscatine Community Y Kids Club **Enrollment:** 124 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20297

Street: 1823 Logan St **City:** Muscatine Iowa **Zip** 52761 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: PO Box 978, Muscatine, IA, 52761

Director's Name: Amy Hessel **Phone Number:** 563-263-9996

On-Site Supervisor(s): Rachel Adams **E-Mail:** ahessel@muscatiney.org

Date(s) of Visit: 08-05-2025

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:** 02-01-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-18-2023

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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			30	90	120
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: Heidi Brown **Date:** 08-07-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at MUSCATINE COMMUNITY Y KIDS CLUB - 20297 for an annual visit on 8/5/2025. The center provides childcare for preschool to school aged children. They currently have 124 children enrolled. The center is located inside of The Muscatine Community Y. The center is nonprofit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 8/18/2023.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit. They utilize The Kids Club Room, Y Play classroom, two gyms, and the swimming pool.

The director is Amy Hessel. Amy started in 6/2007. Amy has a Bachelor's Degree in English.

The on-site supervisor is Rachel Adams. Rachel started in 2/2006.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast and afternoon snacks during the school year. During the summer the center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit. The center had completed radon testing as required. The center had completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector.

The center's curriculum is teacher created. The center does offer field trips. The center goes to the aquatic center, Botanical Center, Fish Hatchery, Camp Abe Lincoln, movies, splash pad, etc.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

The center communicates with parents by via: in person, emails, phone calls, etc.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has maintained the director since 2007 and the onsite supervisor since 2006.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center is using walkie talkies to ensure quality communication.
-The center has a board to reflect where children are located: wellness, child's choice, craft, stem, and teen center.
-The center director generally is at the podium to greet parents for pick up/drop off.
-Child and staff files were in full compliance.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. The center must comply with the minimum requirements as defined in state laws and rules governing the standards for childcare centers. The childcare consultant will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year

It is imperative that the director has a full understanding of Iowa Code 109 and Comm. 204. They can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/providers/ccc/ under HHS Regulations.

The director is strongly encouraged to work with their Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

Please do not hesitate to contact the licensing consultant, Heidi Brown, if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 515-631-8846 or heidi.brown@hhs.iowa.gov

*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.