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

Name of Center: YSS Ogden Kids Club **Enrollment:** 49 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 41950

Street: 313 W Sycamore St **City:** Ogden Iowa **Zip** 50212 **County:** Boone

Mailing Address: 420 Kellogg AVE, Ames, IA, 50010

Director's Name: Nichole Schroer **Phone Number:** 515-298-0587

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ethan Knox (in training/pending) **E-Mail:** NSchroer@yss.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-22-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-16-2023

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

Date Inspected: 03-02-2020

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years. The center is due again now.

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 X Other 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	0	0	0	60	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-23-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 3/22/23. Tory McKay (on-site coordinator) as well as Ethan Knox (pending on-site supervisor) were present throughout the 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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

YSS Kids Club - Ogden is located within an elementary school in Ogden, IA. The center moved into this school in the Fall of 2019. The center primarily uses the cafeteria, but they also have access to the indoor gym space. The center serves children in K - 6th grade who attend this school or the middle school. Children can attend in the mornings from 6:30am - 8:00am (no AM classes this year because of enrollment/staffing issues) and/or the afternoons from 3:15pm - 6:00pm. During the summer months and no school days, the program is in operation from 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center uses their own learning curriculum with children as well as the Positive Actions Prevention Curriculum.

The center is overseen by a Board. The director of the program as of 7/2022 is Nichole Schroer. Nichole has a BA degree in Early Childhood Education and has past experience working in child care. The pending on-site supervisor is Ethan Knox.

During the visit, children were observed coming back from the gym and using the restrooms to wash their hands before sitting down for the PM snack. Later, children were observed in the cafeteria broken down into smaller groups and playing with the different learning stations available to them. Staff were spaced out and interacting and supervising children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center and other YSS before and after school programs are accredited by CARF.

School custodial staff members clean, sanitize, and disinfect the center classroom on a daily basis. The center has a good working relationship with the school.

All on-site supervisors of the YSS programs meet weekly for staff meetings. Individual center staff meetings are held monthly. Staff get a lot of YSS in-house training.

All YSS programs essentially operate the same way (same handbooks, policies, etc.) The director at this center is also the director at the two YSS program in Boone and Madrid licensed by this consultant and then other YSS programs not licensed by this consultant.

YSS programs have a Kids Club Coordinator and an Education Coordinator.

The playground is large and has a lot of options that children can choose from for activities.

There is a lot of storage space.

Enrollment has increased over the past year indicating a need in the community.

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

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 should be posted in the gym.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. 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.
The cleaners used by the school should not be readily accessible to children. There was an issue in the gym with cleaning products being out and accessible to children.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Because the center is located in a school and only serves school-age children, the center is exempt from environmental testing.

The center contracts with the school and uses a school bus and driver for field trips that are not within walking distance. Field trips are taken only during the summer months.

I-Power and IQ4K were previously discussed.

It was noted there are still three bolts on one of the gates on the playground fence that need to be cut.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.