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

Name of Center: YWCA Children's Center **Enrollment:** 78 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18570

Street: 317 7th Ave South **City:** Clinton Iowa **Zip** 52732 **County:** Clinton

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

Director's Name: Kelli Riley **Phone Number:** 563-244-8340

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

Date(s) of Visit: 05-29-2025

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** X **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: 07-22-2025

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: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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	28	17	58	30	133
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2024 to 09-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 06-23-2025

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 5/29/25. The center director for this site is Kelli Riley. Kelli was present on the day of this visit along with other staff. This is a large non-profit child care center providing child care to infants through school-age children. School age children currently attend this site for after school and on non school days. The YWCA has a detailed organizational structure. The center consists of licensed program space on three levels of the YWCA facility. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of the following rooms on the main level of the buildings; Dragonfly (four year old prek), Grasshopper (three year old preschool), Caterpillar (previously was Bumblebee room, youngest infants), Ladybug (12 through 23 months). The following rooms are included in the renovated portion of the building: Room One (smallest room, used at opening and closing for age zero through 23 months), Room Two (middle room, three through five years childcare), and Room Three (two through three years). The "Youth Room" is upstairs from the renovated portion and is a large room used for school age children. Program rooms are generally organized and supplied with accessible materials to support program needs. The grasshopper and dragonfly rooms share a restroom/sink area between the two rooms. Rooms One, Two, and Three include hand washing sinks within the program rooms. Rooms Two and Three include adjacent restrooms for each room. Other rooms with diapering activities include appropriate diapering stations and additional hand washing sinks within the room. The second floor room includes an adjacent restroom area (two toilets and two hand washing sinks). School age no longer has use of the additional restroom area located on the main floor downstairs from their program room. All program space was observed.

The center is able to use the gymnasium (located on second floor of the building) and pool for the YWCA in the same building. Pool time is available for children three and up once per month.

Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, dinner, and evening snack are served at this center. Meals and snacks are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. The kitchen area has been remodeled and is highly organized. The center does participate in the CACFP.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has recently undergone significant renovations. The center director states that two of the rooms are being repainted. The center provides a nice selection of parent/family community resource information at the entrance to the center. Most of the rooms are bright with windows to the outside. Children's crafts and projects are posted. Since the last licensing visit the rooms have noticeably improved in their organization and presentation of materials for the children. Staff were observed to be engaged with the children in a variety of activities. Staff and child files and other required documentation for licensing were found to be highly organized.

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

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.
1. Miscellaneous choking hazards in accessible drawer in the ladybugs room.
2. Diaper waste in uncovered waste can in restroom area between grasshopper and dragonfly rooms. Diaper waste can is needed in room one. Diaper waste shall be stored separate from other waste and in a lidded foot press operated waste can labeled for this material only.
3. First aid kit and sunscreen accessible to children in room three.
4. Separate set of spray bottles is needed in room one for diapering to be labeled for use in this location only and not used for other functions.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Documentation for boiler inspections received 7/21/25. Updated fire inspection received 7/23/25. Report can now be completed.

The administrative change aspect of the report reflects the change in license capacity based on the current configuration of the rooms. The individual room capacities are as follows:
Ladybug Room= 7 children (cribs)
Caterpillar Room (formerly Bumblebee) = 15 children (cribs)
Grasshopper Room = 16 children
Dragonfly Room = 25 children
Room 1 = 6 children (cribs)
Room 2 = 17 children
Room 3 = 17 children
Youth Room = 30 children

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Ensure children can reach the paper towel dispenser for hand washing in room three (and that the dispenser works properly).
2. Diaper procedure posting is needed at the diaper station in room three and room two.
3. Improve procedures for standing diaper changes when shoes and clothing need to be removed. Provide a disposable/non absorbent paper liner for children to stand on and to set their clean items on during the process.
4. Ensure miscellaneous items are not set on cots.
5. Ensure items are never set on diaper station surfaces.
6. Hand washing procedure posting is needed at hand washing sink in room one.

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.