

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

Name of Center: YMCA Summer Camp/After-School Program **Enrollment:** 120 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 21912

Street: 1840 S Monroe AVE **City:** Mason City Iowa **Zip:** 50401 **County:** Cerro Gordo

Mailing Address: 1840 S Monroe AVE, Mason City, IA, 50401

Director's Name: Haley Harrison **Phone Number:** 641-422-5999

On-Site Supervisor(s): Haley Harrison **E-Mail:** hharrison@masoncityymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 06-18-2020

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: 09-27-2016

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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:	<i><u>Year-round</u></i>	<i><u>School-Year</u></i>	<i><u>Summer Only</u></i>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	0	250	250
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 06-01-2019 to 06-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury

Date: 06-30-2020

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was made to the YMCA Summer Camp/After School Program on 06-18-20 where I met with program director, Haley Harrison. Haley took over the director position in 2018 and is qualified for the position based on her education, experience, and on-going training. The program is located at the Mason City YMCA and is operated as a nonprofit program overseen by the YMCA board of directors. The center provides limited programming after school during the school year, and full day programming during the summer to school age children only. The program typically has a large enrollment as children are able to attend as they wish but actual attendance on any given day is much more limited. Currently there are approximately 120 children enrolled between the two programs. All aspects of the program subject to licensing standards were reviewed.

The program is primarily operated out of a single room which is a converted racquetball court but also makes use of other YMCA facilities including the gymnasium, outdoor areas, and the pool. The primary programming room is used for quiet activity space with games, puzzles, and art materials. The room is a converted racquetball court with divided area used for office space. There is a climbing wall which is used on occasion when staff who are trained in the use and supervision of climbers are available. There are no exterior windows but one wall is a full glass panel. During the summer the program did add the use of another racquetball court for use as a game room with a foosball table, board games, and craft activities. Restrooms are located outside the programming space both in locker rooms and off the main hallways. Even though the children are of an age that they do not require assistance in restrooms they should be escorted to the restrooms to provide supervision due to the multiple use nature of the facilities. There were no issues noted with regard to cleanliness or maintenance of the physical facilities. The materials and equipment present were in good repair and appropriate to the ages of the children.

A copy of the daily schedule and curriculum were posted. During the school year it generally follows a period of organized large group games or outdoor play, snack, and then quiet individual choice activities. The curriculum during the school year is limited with an emphasis on following the YMCA mission statement to promote health, physical activity, and social interaction. During the summer a more defined curriculum is in place with the program focusing on a weekly theme. Good interactions were observed with the staff being engaged with the children and participating the group games.

The center has implemented good health and safety practices. During the visit one child was provided with a prescription medication and the employee did use a hand sanitizer and donned gloves before administering the medication. The center does have children enrolled that do have identified allergies and does need to ensure that an allergy response plan is present in the child's file. A first aid kit is available in the classroom, as well as other kits located throughout the center. The center has implemented several temporary requirements related to the current Coronavirus pandemic including limiting access, health screening with temperature checks upon arrival, and operating in groups as a form of social distancing. Good hand washing practices were observed on the day of my visit as well.

The program does have an outdoor play ground area that has completed the renovations that were in progress during the prior visit. The chain link fence that encloses the playground was replaced, and new concrete pad has been poured for a basketball court area. The playground also contains a climbing structure, open grassy area, and a large scale wooden train

that has crawling and seating spaces. Wood mulch is used for fall surfacing under the climbing structure and additional material is needed in some areas such as the discharge point of the slide. Shade is provided by the building during the morning hours of the day.

Due to the limited hours of operation during the school year meals are not served but snacks are provided. During the summer the program participates in the Summer Lunch Program that provides meals prepared by the local school and which is open to all community members. The program does have seating available for the children that is separate from other community members. Good food storage practices were observed for those food items used for snacks and craft activities.

In reviewing administrative records all required notices were posted in an area readily accessible to parents and visitors. A random sample of child files was selected for review and each file reviewed was found to contain all required information with the exception of the previously noted allergy response plans. In reviewing staff files the center does maintain a self-audit which was found to be accurate and each was generally found to contain all required information with the exception of 4 that did not have a current physical, 3 that had not completed the required initial and/or on-going training. The center handbook has been previously reviewed and found to contain all required policies. Inspection logs for fuel burning appliances, and radon were not available on the day of my visit.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has been a strong support to the community in providing care to children in a safe and healthy manner during the current health crisis.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
Number not in compliance: 3

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 4

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

-- Documentation of current testing results were not available on the day of my visit. The last testing results were dated April 2017 and while well below the cutoff limits testing is required to be conducted every 2 years.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
-- Documentation was not available on the day of my visit.

109.9(2)g: Any child with allergies, a written emergency plan. Copy shall accompany child if they leave the premises.
-- Plans providing demographic contact information, diagnosed allergies with symptoms and items of typical exposure, plans to reduce the risk of exposure, and plan of response in the event of accidental exposure are required for all children with an identified allergy.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license will remain in effect at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying a plan of action to correct and maintain those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*Note: A copy of CACFP information on credible food options was sent to the center.

*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.