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

Name of Center: Grundy Family YMCA **Enrollment:** 20 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 22292

Street: 1001 8th St **City:** Grundy Center Iowa **Zip** 50638 **County:** Grundy

Mailing Address: 102 E G AVE, Grundy Center, IA, 50638

Director's Name: Brandon Bennett **Phone Number:** 319-825-6210

On-Site Supervisor(s): Madison Walter **E-Mail:** mjohnson@blackhawkymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-10-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-05-2023

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				56	56
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2021 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury **Date:** 07-16-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was made to the Grundy Family YMCA program on 07-10-24 I met with Madyson Walter who is the center supervisor for this, and two other site locations. Madison took over the role earlier this year and is well qualified for the position based her education, experience, and on-going training. The program is one of several locations operated under the ownership of the YMCA with Brandon Bennett acting as the program director. The program provides before and after school care during the school year and full day programming during the summer for school age children only. There are approximately 20 children enrolled in the program served by 5 staff. All aspects of the program subject to Licensing Standards were reviewed during this visit.

The program is located on the 2nd floor of a renovated school building that is now used for early learning programs and community functions. The program makes use of two classrooms with one used primarily for quiet and table based activities, and the other for center play activities. Bathroom facilities are located in connecting corridor between the two classrooms. Given that the location is outside of the classrooms children should be escorted to the restrooms or staff positioned such that they have direct line of sight of the restrooms. During the visit the water temperature was measured to be 131.7 deg. F. and does need to be reduced or have mechanical scald preventers installed so that the temperature does not exceed 120 deg. F. at the spigot when only the hot water tap is open for all sinks used for hand washing. Windows along the exterior walls provide natural light, a view of the outdoors, and ventilation. The room used for table activities has multiple exits while the activity center room has a single entrance. All exits were maintained so that they are clear of obstruction. The program also has access to a large indoor gymnasium when it is not being used by other programs. The facilities were observed to be clean with no issues regarding maintenance noted.

During the visit the program was making use of the area with the tables for children to have lunch and prepare to leave for an off site activity to the community pool. A copy of the daily schedule and activity plans were posted. The center daily schedule and curriculum during the school year is more basic with a focus on providing the children with time to complete homework, provide a snack, and have opportunities for indoor and outdoor play. The activity center classroom had a good variety of options for the children to choose from and each center was stocked with toys and materials that were appropriate to the ages of the children present. The toys and materials were observed to be in good repair. Good interactions were observed with the staff providing supervision and attending to the children's needs. During the visit it was observed that children were sent to the restroom on their own and while old enough to do so as noted previously the restrooms are located in an area where they would not have direct line of sight from the classrooms and staff did not move to the door or position so as to be able to ensure that the children went the restroom. By providing supervision it can reduce the risk of children seeking to use that opportunity to engage in inappropriate behavior, or eloping from the program via an alternate exit. Ratio was maintained as required with two staff present with 14 children, and a third staff arriving before going to the community pool. The center does make use of positive supports to encourage appropriate behavior with recognizing positive behavior, and redirecting children as needed.

Good health and safety policies and practices were observed. First aid kits are maintained and have been labeled to identify their location. The kits were not sufficiently stocked with materials. The supplies present did need to be replenished but in addition the center needs to ensure that options for large bone splints, a sling, water, and a first aid manual are included in

the kit. The center did not have any children taking any medications but there was a child with an identified allergy that also makes use of an "epi-pen". The center did have good allergy response plans for the child, and the Epi-pen was stored in an area where it was readily available. Good cleaning practices were observed during the visit. Chemical cleaners were stored in areas where they are not accessible to children. Staff did wait for the children to be out of the immediate area before using chemical cleaners. Good hand washing practices were observed with the staff washing their hands as needed, and ensuring the children also washed their hands.

The center makes use of the school of playground facilities for the elementary school which is located next to the building the program is in. The equipment was observed to be in good general repair. Rubber mulch is used for fall surfacing and a good depth of material was observed. While it is understood that the center does not have control over the maintenance of the playground staff would need to limit use of the play areas to those that are unsafe until maintenance is performed. In addition the area with the climbing structures there is also a large open grassy field, and a paved area where the children can play. Shade is provided by several large mature trees.

Due to the limited hours of operation meals are not served during the school year but snacks are provided. During the summer the children bring a sack lunch and AM snack from home. Some limited snack items are maintained at the center for the PM snack, and service during the school year, and could also be used to supplement for a meal if a child does not bring one during the summer. Good food storage practices were generally observed but a couple items had not been placed in air tight sealable food grade containers once the original packaging seal has been broken. The staff did not eat with the children but did provide supervision at the tables.

In reviewing administrative records all required notices for consultant contact, no smoking, mandatory child abuse reporting, and the center license were posted in an area readily accessible to parents and visitors. Other postings for handwashing procedures by all sinks used for handwashing, and emergency evacuation notices for fire and tornado were also posted. Child files were reviewed and all were found to contain all required contact information. Given that the center serves school age children only the center uses parental statements of health and copies of these should be maintained at the center location as well. Staff files are maintained in the program administrative offices with training certificates at the Grundy Center office, and background checks and physicals at the main Blackhawk county office. Those records will be reviewed at a later date for this and the other site locations overseen by the program and any issues identified will be addressed at that time. Inspection logs and certificates were current and available for all required elements with the exception of fire and tornado drill practice logs which were not maintained since November 2023. As a reminder these must be conducted and documented each month for both drills.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a new coordinator, and several staff who are highly motivated and engaging. The staff appear to have developed strong relationships with the children which results in a more relaxed atmosphere but also maintain professional standards for safety and supevision.

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

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are:In the center.In the outdoor play area.On field trips.
-- The first aid kit was not sufficiently supplied with equipment for large bone splints, a sling, water, and first aid manual missing.

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.
-- Drills were not conducted and/or logged since November 2023.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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 hot water temperature was measured to be 131.7 deg. F. and needs to be adjusted so that it does not exceed 120 deg. F at the spigot for all sinks used for hand washing.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full will remain in effect at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying a plan of action to correct 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: During the visit the building owner/manager was present and was informed of the water temperature concerns. That individual stated they would contact a plumber to address that concern.

*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.