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

Name of Center: MercyOne Clinton Child Care and Preschool **Enrollment:** 198 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18588

Street: 638 S Bluff Blvd **City:** Clinton Iowa **Zip** 52732 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: 638 S Bluff Blvd, Clinton, IA, 52732

Director's Name: Kendra Stuver **Phone Number:** 563-244-3625

On-Site Supervisor(s): Dana Edfors **E-Mail:** Kendra.Stuver@mercyhealth.com

Date(s) of Visit:

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** **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: 04-13-2022

Comments : Updated fire inspection done for the South building only (additional school age rooms) on 5/17/23.

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	42	30	49	44	165
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: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 05-30-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 1/26/23. The center director, Kendra Stuver, was present along with other staff. Kendra has a master's degree in organizational management and previous experience as an assistant director/director at a child care center. Kendra has been at the center since October 2013. This center is owned and operated by MercyOne hospital in Clinton. The center is located in a separate building on the south campus and does now also include school age space in one of the hospital buildings. The center serves children age six weeks to 12 years and does offer a before/after school and non-school day program for school-age children. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool program.

This center consists of program rooms located on the main floor and on the lower level of the building. The configuration of rooms has changed since the last licensing visit. Rooms on the main floor include; yellow room (moved location to what was previously the orange room, six weeks to eight months), orange room (moved location to what was the yellow room, eight months to 18 months), purple room (18 months to two years), and teal room (two to three years). The lower level includes; blue room (three to four years), green room (four to five years), and red room (school age).

Program rooms are generally adequately supplied with materials to meet program needs. There are restrooms in the following areas; adjacent to one side of the orange room (not used), adjacent to the yellow room (staff restroom), and a shared restroom adjacent to both the purple room and teal rooms (with several toilets and hand washing sinks). Diaper stations are located within the yellow, orange, teal, and purple rooms. On the lower level there are restroom areas adjacent to the green room. These are separate restrooms for boys and girls with several toilets and sinks in each. Children from the red and blue rooms must travel from their rooms to the green room to use the restroom. The center has been reminded about expectations for ratio and supervision requirements when children travel between rooms. Staff shall travel to the vicinity of the restroom area when child(ren) are using the area to be accountable for children as well as to ensure proper hand washing takes place as required. Program rooms also include one sink within the room that is used for hand washing. This sink is shared in counter space that separates the portions of the orange room. All program space was observed.

The center no longer includes program space in the south building and this is removed from the license capacity as noted below.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. Meals and snacks, with the exception of breakfast, are prepared at the IDPH licensed hospital kitchen and brought over to the center. Breakfast is prepared on site. There is a small kitchenette area and a counter top area near the entrance of the center where the final food preparation activities are completed by the designated staff person.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center continues to be well managed. The center being affiliated with a hospital provides for resources that otherwise might not be available. The main level of the center is bright with many windows. The staff and director continue to work well together. Activity planning continues to be well done for the center. The staff were once again observed to be highly

engaged with the children in activities in all program rooms. Program rooms appear clean and organized. The children's crafts and projects are posted throughout the center. The center has an excellent supply of extra materials organized in storage as well as books arranged by topic. The center continues to provide diapers and wipes for children. Required licensing documentation and child and files were found to be highly organized.

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.

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.

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.

109.10(3): The center shall have written procedures for dispensing, storage, and authorization, and recording of all prescription and non-prescription medications.

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.

109.15(5)c: Sanitary methods are used for dishwashing sufficient to prevent transmission of disease.
Additional concerns: Wet dishes again observed set and stacked on towels. Dishes need to dry on a solid and sanitary non porous material. Dishes should not be stacked or put away until they are completely air dried. This was cited previously. Dishes currently being washed manually because the dish washing machine is broken. Dishes are not going through a sanitizing step as is required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The administrative change portion of this report is completed to reflect the center is again using the South Building for school age care. The following are the individual room capacities, however, it is noted that because the South Building only has access to two toilets and two hand washing sinks, the building can never have more than 30 children present at any time. The license capacity for the center is increased by 30 children.

Auditorium = 29 children
Cafeteria = 30 children

*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.