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

**Name of Center:** YSS Boone Kids Club **Enrollment:** 52 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 16993

**Street:** 102 S Boone ST **City:** Boone Iowa **Zip** 50036 **County:** Boone

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

**Director's Name:** Jennifer Schmit **Phone Number:** 515-451-4335

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Tory McKay and Billi Jo Henkelman **E-Mail:** NSchroer@yss.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 03-08-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **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** **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

**Date Inspected:** 03-25-2022

**Comments :** Boone Fire Marshal.

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 51 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| 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:** 03-09-2023

**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 3/8/23. The director and both on-site supervisors were present for 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 - Boone is located at Page Elementary in Boone, IA. Indoors, the center primarily uses the gym (capacity 46 children), but they also have access to two classrooms if needed (during the summer months). One of those classrooms (media room) has a capacity of 26 children and they other classroom (music room) a capacity of 25 children. The center also uses the outdoor fenced in playground area. The center serves children in K - 6th grade who attend this school, other elementary schools, or the middle school. Children can attend in the mornings from 6:30am - 8:00am 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 this program and the other YSS programs as of 7/2022 is Nichole Schroer. Nichole has a BA degree and past experience working in child care. The on-site supervisors are Tory McKay and Billi Jo Henkelman. Tory also covers as the on-site supervisor at a few other YSS programs.

During the visit, children and staff were in the gym. Children were observed arriving off of school buses and checking in with a staff member who was stationed at the gym door entrance. Children then washed their hands before sitting down for snack. Later in the visit, children were observed in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up in the gym. At the end of the visit, children were headed outside to the playground area.

**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 clean the center classroom on a daily basis. The center has a good working relationship with the school.

All directors and on-site supervisors of the YSS programs meet weekly for staff meetings. On-site supervisors also have monthly staff meetings with their employees

All YSS programs essentially operate the same way (same handbooks, policies, etc.) The director at this center is also the director at the YSS program in Ogden, Madrid, and Boone United that are licensed by this consultant as well as other YSS programs that this consultant does not license.

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

The center offers a sliding fee scale to families.

The center has good community partnerships with other businesses.

The program space was clean.

The director feels the YSS centers have really good relationships with the children and parents they serve. Communication is stressed. The director believes her staff are also well equipped in addressing behavioral management.

The director felt a strength of the program is that this year, the center has more access to professionals for extra professional development training.

Enrollment has increased over the past year.

**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. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
1. The "S" hooks on some of the swings need to be tightened.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center only serves school-age children in a school so they are exempt from environmental testing.

For transportation/field trips, the center contracts with the school district for bus transportation for any field trip that is not within walking distance. The center will also bring in presenters from time to time. Currently, field trips are only being taken during the summer months.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

It is recommended the floor rug either be removed or taped down on the edges to prevent a protentional tripping hazard.

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.