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

Name of Center: MercyOne Clinton Child Care and Preschool **Enrollment:** 187 **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: 03-03-2025

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:** 02-10-2025

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

Date Inspected: 05-17-2024

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	42	30	49	14	135
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2025 to 04-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-03-2025

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 3/3/25. The center director, Kendra Stuver, was not present on the day of the visit. Kendra's assistant, Dana Edfors, was present and in charge of the center. 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 its own building on property owned by the hospital system. 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. Rooms on the main floor include; yellow room (six weeks to eight months), orange room (front portion eight to 12 months, back portion 12 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 (now includes two to three years or school age).

Program rooms are generally adequately supplied with materials to meet program needs. There are restrooms in the following areas on the main level; 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. A diaper station has been added to the red room. 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 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 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. This area is clean and organized.

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. 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 again

found to be highly organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
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.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the physical completed pre-employment as required.

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Expired medications found at the center.
2. Emergency medications present and emergency action plan missing or could not be located.
3. Medications present without parent authorization form completed.
4. Over the counter medication not labeled with child's name.

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. Various chemical items accessible under sink cabinet in the red/teal room.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is reminded of the rules regarding the rules regarding combining different age groupings of children and what is allowed and when. 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 they are in compliance.

1. Ensure activity/lesson plans are posted and are current for all program.
2. Before and after school schedule needs to be posted for the red room, and teal schedule for this room needs to be updated for time lunch is served (schedule states 11:45am but lunch was served 11:15am).
3. Improve cot spacing in orange, purple, and teal rooms during rest time. Ensure cots are spaced at least two feet apart.
4. Improve supervision of restroom areas and hand washing activities as observed in the teal and green rooms.

The center will continue with a full license. Please correct the item(s) cited and address the concerns noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response.

*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.