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

Name of Center: Newton YMCA After School at Emerson Hough **Enrollment:** 25 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51441

Street: 700 N 4th Ave E. **City:** Newton Iowa **Zip** 50208 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: 1701 S 8th Ave E, Newton, IA, 50208

Director's Name: Serenity Bookout **Phone Number:** 641-792-7021

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kalea Buckner **E-Mail:** serenity.bookout@newtonymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-07-2025

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:** 03-10-2025

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

Date Inspected: 08-27-2024

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: 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*
Sunday			
Monday		6:00 AM to 6:00 PM	
Tuesday		6:00 AM to 6:00 PM	
Wednesday		6:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Thursday		6:00 AM to 6:00 PM	
Friday		6:00 AM to 6:00 PM	
Saturday			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				60	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2025 to 05-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-10-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Newton YMCA After School at Emerson Hough was given permission to open in August 2021. The center provides before and after school child care for children who attend this school as well as Woodrow Elementary and Berg Middle School. The center operates inside the elementary school and has it's own secured entrance. The center uses the cafeteria, gym and playground for programming space. Serenity Bookout is the director of this center. Serenity is also the director of the YMCA Child Care Center. Kalea Bucker is the on site supervisor. Kalea has been with the YMCA since September 2023.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. A schedule was posted. A lesson plan was also available. The center has a nice supply of age appropriate games, art supplies, toys and learning supplies that are available and placed in the cafeteria during programming. Children's coats and backpacks are placed on hooks in the cafeteria.

Kalea assisted with today's visit. There was one staff working from the YMCA Child Care Center until the second staff arrived. There were nineteen children present today. Children were observed in the cafeteria and on the playground. Children were doing child directed activities in the gym prior to going to play outdoors. Staffs' interactions with the children were positive throughout the visit.

The center serves snack after school. The menu was reviewed. The menu is prepared from the YMCA Early Learning Center. Children that attend programming before school eat breakfast with in the school cafeteria.

The school playground is partially fenced. There is rubber tile, wood chips and blacktop for surfacing. There are some large climbing structures, swings and basketball hoops. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center uses busing for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center has spacious programming space for the children. The children are offered large motor play activities daily through the use of the school's gym. The center is overseen by the YMCA Child Care Center.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*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.