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

Name of Center: Gehlen Y Club **Enrollment:** 14 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52280

Street: 709 Plymouth ST SE **City:** Le Mars Iowa **Zip** 51031 **County:** Plymouth

Mailing Address: 241 12th ST SE, Le Mars, IA, 51031

Director's Name: Krista Bolton **Phone Number:** 712-546-4181

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kristan@lemarsymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-13-2024

X **Licensing Visit** **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** X **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-12-2024

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

Date Inspected: 12-20-2023

Comments : Krista Bolton is taking over director for this site eff 12-20-24. Ms Bolton, has an associates degree in recreational sports and has ran the youth program youth program at the LeMars YMCA for the last 7 years.

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				50	50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 12-20-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited this school age program on 12-13-24 and spoke with director Jacque Perez. Ms Perez is stepping back from director role and Krista Bolton will take her place. Ms Bolton, has an associates degree in recreational sports and has ran the youth program youth program at the LeMars YMCA for the last 7 years.

The program opened on 08-23-23. With the 2024/2025 school year the Gehlen Y Club mainly uses the lunch room rather than the school library. They serve school agers who have completed TK thru 5th grade. The program is only in the afternoons Monday thru Friday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Capacity is 50. The program also has access to the school's gym. They follow the Gehlen's school for inclement weather to where there is no after school program.

The center currently has 14 children enrolled in the program. The program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of activity room, observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. - The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. The program has following activities/centers that they children can utilize: art, books, games, crafts, computers, puzzles and legos. Children have access to bathrooms. The program uses theme based curriculum and STEM activities. The program needs to post their posting certificates and updte their first aid kit.

Daily schedule of activities along with normal postings need to be where parents have access. The program had sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children.

The program provides afternoon snacks. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Center currently does not administer medication however if so they would keep it in a locked med box. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Program areas appear well maintained and free of any observable health or safety hazards.

The program uses the schools playground. Surfacing is woodchips around the climbing equipment. They also have a large grassy area for children to play soccer, football, or just running games. An area to play basketball is available too. Program needs to do monthly playground inspections.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center does not transport nor go on any field trips due to the short amount of time they are at the program.

Goals of the program is to hire an onsite supervisor and to get on IQ4K program.

Strengths of the program is that the program has a good relationship with the school, community, and families that they serve. Kids have a wide variety of activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Program uses the Daxco app for communicating with families.

Staff interact with the children in a positive manner.

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

109.4(3)a: Postings are required for:The certificate of license.Notice of exposure to communicable disease.Notice of decision to deny, suspend, or revoke center license or reduce to provisional status.All postings shall be conspicuously placed at main entrance of center.

109.4(3)b: Postings are required for:Mandatory reporter requirements.Notice of availability of handbook.Program activities.These shall be posted in area frequented by parents or public.

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended to continue working with CCRR for support.

Please provide email to consultant on those items that are below standards have been corrected by 01-18-25.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.