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

Name of Center: Okoboji Y Kids **Enrollment:** 39 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 41457

Street: 1100 8th St **City:** Milford Iowa **Zip** 51351 **County:** Dickinson

Mailing Address: Camp Foster YMCA Inc1900 41st St, Spirit Lake, IA, 51360

Director's Name: Andrew Fisher **Phone Number:** 712-336-9622

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** andrew.fisher@okobojiymca.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-16-2024

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 05-09-2024

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

Date Inspected: 05-17-2021

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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				81	81
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 06-03-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 05-16-24 and spoke with lead worker Jessie Schoorman as Jacey Soat onsite supervisor resigned. Jessie has been with the program for a several years. Okoboji Y Kids is an before/after school/summer program located in Okoboji elementary school. The program utilizes the lunch room and gym. The program is operated by the Bedell Family YMCA organization Monday through Friday 6:00am to 8:30am & 3:00pm to 6:00pm. The summer program operates 6am to 6pm. The program serves Pre-k and school age children up to age 12. However, during the summer they only serve ages 5 to 12 year olds. Staff meet people at the door to gain access to the program.

There are 39 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 28 children present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center needs to clean toys more often. This is a recreation based program. The School year ended 05-23-24. Summer program will start on 05-28-24. For summer activities they do swim days 2x week at the YMCA, 1x week a field trip, and activities at the center site. Summer program is only for K-5th grade. Summer program runs 05-28-24 and ends when school starts in August.

During this visit observed the children participating in the following activities: snack and gym time. Group activities as well as individual self-directed activities are available to the children. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children. Observed the staff conversing with the children, explaining rules to the children and assisting children with activities. Staff had good interaction with the children.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
The Y provides snacks and school system provides milk. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition. During the summer the program provides breakfast and snacks and the children are bused to the Bedell YMCA where the program makes lunch for the children.

Center Health & Safety
Center had medication that was outdated. Program needs to ensure that meds are current and not outdated. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills need to be documented each month. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Radon was not available at the time of the visit nor was the annual furnace inspection. Both of these need to be completed.

Center Playground
The center utilizes the Okoboji elementary school playground. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. Playground is inspected by the school, however center also needs to do playground checks as the public uses the playground as well to ensure playground is same. There is an area to where surfacing has come up and the school is aware. Jessie does not have the kids play in that area of the playground until school can fix it. The school is looking at redoing the playground surfacing this summer. Shade is available on the playground. They also utilize the large gym.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center does not do field trips during the school year. During the summer the program uses the RIDES transit system instead of using the YMCA bus to transport kids.

Center Administrative Records
All the required postings were visible. The center's discipline practices consist of talking to the children.

Goals of the program are to get good quality staff who enjoy working with kids, more structure with new activities for kids, to get on the IQ4K program.

Strengths of the program is that the core staff have are reliable and have good communication with the children and their families. The program has a good group of kids. The program continues to limit the number of kids for the summer to 45 even though they have room for more children but not enough staff to increase numbers. The program mirrors the rules of the school district to help with consistency for the kids they serve knowing the program expectations.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The staff interacted with the children in a positive and encouraging manner.

All program areas appear well maintained.

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

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff files are located at the Bedell Y main office. School does yearly furnace inspections which the program will need to get from them.

Please email consultant when those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards have been corrected by 06-30-24.

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

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

*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.