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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: YMCA After School Program-Clear Creek

Provider No.: 42239

Address: 901 S 14th ST, Clear Lake, IA, 50428

County: Cerro Gordo

Director's Name: Danial Goodin

On-Site Supervisor: Shi Simmers

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HHS Visit Date: 09/01/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/21/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	
Tuesday		3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	
Wednesday		2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	
Thursday		3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	
Friday		3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				50	50
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced visit was made to the YMCA After School Program - Clear Creek center on 09-01-26 where I met with the on-site supervisor Shi Simmers. The program is offered by the Mason City YMCA as on of several licensed programs in the area with Danial Goodin serving as the programming director. Danial took over the director role in 2025 and is qualified for the position based on his experience, education, and training. She was appointed as the on-site supervisor at the start of the 2026 school year but notification and information regarding her qualifications was not provided prior to that appointment as required. The center offers after school programming for school age children during the school year only. There are approximately 39 children currently enrolled in the program served by 4 staff.

The program makes use of space in the Clear Creek elementary school in Clear Lake and while having a strong collaborative relationship with the school is operated independently under the oversight of the YMCA and it's board of directors. The program makes of a cafeteria space identified as "the little cafeteria". The space is of typical design for it's intended use of being a large open room with trestle tables used for meal service. The room is an interior space with no windows. There are several doorways opening onto the main corridor. Restrooms are located outside the space off the main corridor. Due to the multiple use nature of the space the program is not able to leave materials out but does have several tall cabinets where materials are stored and which can then be brought out for use each day. The program also makes use of the school gymnasium, and outdoor playground for large motor play.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Programming & Interaction:
Due to the limited nature of the program the curriculum plan has used more of a general monthly theme structure rather than

development of focused learning concepts. While it is noted that the program had only resumed operation for the start of the school year there was no established curriculum plan or schedule present. The staff did follow a general schedule of starting a group game activity as children were arriving, but for those children that did not want to participate there were no alternative activity options leaving to either sit and wait or entertain themselves. After a period the group did make use of restrooms, have snack, and then engaged in a quiet activity where children could do homework, read, or color. Having a more defined schedule, planned activities, and setting out different activity centers at different tables would provide the children with options for positive play can reduce concerns for behavioral issues. Ratio was maintained with 3 staff present. Each of the teachers did provide supervision with either being directly engaged in the activities with the children, escorting children to the restroom, or providing oversight of the group as a whole. Each of the teachers presented a positive demeanor and spoke to the children in calm and encouraging tones.

Health & Safety:
The staff did escort children to the restrooms as needed both to ensure that supervision was provided, and to the children washed their hands as needed following restroom use and prior to snack service. While the school is primarily responsible to clean and sanitize the facilities the program does have access to cleaning supplies to use as needed. A first aid kit was present and while needing to be replenished did have materials necessary to address most common first aid needs.

Nutrition:
Due to the limited hours of operation the center does not serve meals but a snack is provided. Snack items are shelf stable options with some single serving options, and others bulk packaged. There were a couple bulk packaged items where the bag was rolled closed and it was reviewed that these need to be place in air tight sealable food grade container once the original packaging seal has been broken to reduce the risk of spoilage and being an attractant to pests. It was also noted that some items were not credible and it was reviewed that once those are consumed they need to be replaced with options that meet CACFP guidelines. Good food handling practices were observed with the teachers wearing food service gloves. A menu of previously served items was present.

Administration:
The required notices for Consultant Contact, License Certificate, and Mandatory Abuse Reporting were not present on the day of the visit. Other required notices for emergency evacuation, emergency contacts, schedule, and lesson plan were also missing. The center did have enrollment information for all children that were present, and use a Parental Statement of Health in lieu of a physical given that the children are all school age and was still within the first 30 days of operation to obtain those statements. Staff files are reviewed at the YMCA main office and any issues with staff files are addressed at that time. Inspection logs and certificates were also available and current.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.4(2): 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.Mandatory reporting requirements.Notice of availability of the handbook.Name and contact information of the HHS licensing consultant.Program activities and menus.All postings shall be conspicuously placed at the main entrance of the center.
-- Notices for Consultant Contact, License Certificate, and Mandatory Abuse Reporting were not present on the day of the visit.

109.6(2): Director or on-site supervisor on-site during the hours of operation or a minimum of six hours of center's hours of operation.Information on on-site supervisor's qualifications is submitted to the consultant prior to employment and is sufficient to make a determination.On-site supervisor meets qualifications or is "qualifiable" with a plan established to meet qualifications.Another responsible adult is clearly designated as the interim on-site supervisor if the on-site supervisor is temporarily absent from the center.
-- Notification and information regarding the qualifications of the on-site supervisor were not provided prior to hire and appointment to the position.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

Copies of required notices, and sample forms were sent to the center.

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A request for resume information for the on-site supervisor has been made and will be reviewed for either approval, development of a plan of qualification, or reject for an alternate qualified individual.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license will remain in effect at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying a plan of action to correct and maintain those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

Date: 09/03/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Ray Salsbury

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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