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

Name of Center: YMCA IMV Palmer Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 44 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21122

Street: 724 N Harrison ST **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52803 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 624 E 4th ST, Davenport, IA, 52801

Director's Name: Lindsay Wadsager **Phone Number:** 563-323-4668

On-Site Supervisor(s): Patti Broadwater-Jones **E-Mail:** lwadsager@scottcountyfamilyy.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-08-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 11-01-2023

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 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	16		44		60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 02-26-2024

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 2/8/24. Patti Broadwater-Jones is the on site supervisor and she was present along with other staff on the day of the visit. Lindsay Wadsager is the center director for all of the YMCA IMV child care programs, however, she was not present at this site during this visit. Brent Ayers is the Associate Executive Director of Child Care and Family Services at the YMCA IMV, and oversight of this center is part of his responsibilities. Brent was not present at the center on the day of the visit but did follow up with licensing via email subsequent the visit. This center is located in a building and property owned by Palmer Chiropractic College. The YMCA IMV has a well-defined organizational/administrative structure. The program currently serves children age six weeks through five years. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center is a one level building and is comprised of three designated program rooms: Nursery (Tiny Tadpoles), twos/threes room (Whispering Willows), and fours/fives room (Rainbow River). Program rooms are large, bright, and nicely decorated. The rooms are generally well stocked and arranged with various learning and interest centers. Materials are accessible and are generally well maintained. All rooms include restroom areas adjacent to the room as well as hand washing sinks in the restroom areas and in the program rooms. The infant room restroom area is designated for staff use. The infant room includes a sink that is to be used for food and bottle preparation only. The infant and two/three year old rooms include a diapering station within the program room. All program space was observed.

Consultation has been provided to the center regarding the updated rules regarding combining different age groupings of children and what is allowed and when. The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. 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 with this moving forward.

The center does participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Lunch is brought to the center from where it is prepared at the YMCA IMV Davenport ELC location. Breakfast and snack are typically prepared on site. The center has a small kitchenette area.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is managed by experienced administration. The center has achieved IQ4K rating of two stars through 10/31/24. The center's outdoor play area continues to be Nature Explore certified. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The staff appear to work well together, and several have been with the center for a number of years. New countertop surface has been installed in the kitchen area, and the on site supervisor states the center will be getting all new window screens and blinds in the immediate future. Staff files and licensing documentation were found to be highly organized.

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

CHILD FILES:
109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
1. _1_ child file reviewed did not have evidence of the annual update.
2. _1_ child file reviewed did not have dentist information as required.

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.
1. Fire and tornado drills were not documented for 1/2024.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure kitchen door remains closed at all times.
2. Outdoor carpet fall surfacing material is starting to separate in areas and may begin to present a trip hazard. This should be addressed. Brent Ayers states that wood chips that have compacted in the fall zone area will be brought to compliance in the coming spring, and the tree roots and tree stump will also be removed in the coming spring.
3. Discontinue setting clean bottles and dishes on towels in the tiny tadpoles room. Dishes shall air dry on a solid and sanitary surface.

This center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.