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

Name of Center: YMCA Childcare - King **Enrollment:** 42 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52082

Street: 1849 Forest Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50314 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: PO Box 370, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Joelle Kleihauer and Lauren Slinker **Phone Number:** 515-729-2694

On-Site Supervisor(s): Courtney Jolly **E-Mail:** Lauren.Slinker@dmymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-14-2025

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:** 04-14-2025

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

Date Inspected: 09-14-2022

Comments : Des Moines Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years for licensing requirements.

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				100	100
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: Nate Knepper **Date:** 04-15-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 4/14/25. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

YMCA Childcare - King Elementary opened in 1/2023. The majority of programming is held in the school's gym, cafeteria, and the outdoor playground area. The center serves school age children who attend this school. During the school year, the center operates after school from 2:45pm - 5:30pm. During the summer months, programming is 8:30am - 4:00pm. The directors of this center are Joelle Kleihauer and Lauren Slinker. Both individuals are or have been directors at other YMCA programs in the Des Moines Metro. Courtney Jolly is the on-site supervisor at this location. Courtney has an AA degree as well as past experience working in child care.

During the visit, one child who was having a bit of a difficult time was in the cafeteria area with staff. All other children and staff were outside on the playground when the inspection visit took place. Staff were spaced out on the playground supervising and interacting with children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is one of several YMCA programs in Des Moines and the Des Moines metro. All programs operate in similar fashion, have same handbooks, staff are interchangeable as needed, etc.

The director and the on-site supervisor have a lot of experience working in child care.

The center has visual "zones" posted that they use for emotional and behavioral feelings.

There is a lot of storage space.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

Weekly staff meetings are held. Staff have regularly scheduled meetings and trainings with other YMCA site staff throughout the year as well.

The center uses an online application for files called, Core.

The center works in collaboration with United Way and has other community supports as well.

The center participates in the program 5,2,1,0.

The director and on-site supervisor believe they provide a family-like atmosphere for the families and children they serve.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
ONE NEWER STAFF MEMBER IS PAST THE FIRST 90 DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NEEDING TO HAVE MANDATORY REPORTER AND ESSENTIALS TRAINING COMPLETED.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1 staff member (the same one as above), does not have a current physical.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: All children, regardless of age, need to have a doctor and a dentist listed. The information should include the name, address, and phone number of the doctor and the dentist.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. There was a bottle of cleaner that was not labeled in the cafeteria. This bottle also needs to be stored in an area inaccessible to children.
2. On the playground, more wood chips are needed at the bottom of a slide. There was also a new area around the black border that was cracked and needs to be replaced. THE BLACK BORDER BEING CRACKED IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located in a school and only serve school-age children.

For transportation/field trips, the center contracts with the school district or they use YMCA vans/buses. Field trips are generally only taken during the summer months.

I-Power was discussed at the visit. All staff need I - Power profiles and should be uploading training certificates.

It is recommended outdoor playground mats be purchased and placed at the bottom of slides. This will help preserve wood chip surfacing and depth.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The application and payment was received on 4/14/25.

*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.