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

Name of Center: MercyOne Clinton Child Care and Preschool **Enrollment:** 198 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18588

Street: 638 S Bluff Blvd **City:** Clinton Iowa **Zip** 52732 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: 638 S Bluff Blvd, Clinton, IA, 52732

Director's Name: Kendra Stuver **Phone Number:** 563-244-3625

On-Site Supervisor(s): Dana Edfors **E-Mail:** Kendra.Stuver@mercyhealth.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-26-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** X **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: 04-13-2022

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 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	42	30	49	14	135
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 02-17-2023

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 1/26/23. The center director, Kendra Stuver, was present along with other staff. Kendra has a master's degree in organizational management and previous experience as an assistant director/director at a child care center. Kendra has been at the center since October 2013. This center is owned and operated by MercyOne hospital in Clinton. The center is located in a separate building on the south campus and does now also include school age space in one of the hospital buildings. The center serves children age six weeks to 12 years and does offer a before/after school and non-school day program for school-age children. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool program.

This center consists of program rooms located on the main floor and on the lower level of the building. The configuration of rooms has changed since the last licensing visit. Rooms on the main floor include; yellow room (moved location to what was previously the orange room, six weeks to eight months), orange room (moved location to what was the yellow room, eight months to 18 months), purple room (18 months to two years), and teal room (two to three years). The lower level includes; blue room (three to four years), green room (four to five years), and red room (school age).

Program rooms are generally adequately supplied with materials to meet program needs. There are restrooms in the following areas; adjacent to one side of the orange room (not used), adjacent to the yellow room (staff restroom), and a shared restroom adjacent to both the purple room and teal rooms (with several toilets and hand washing sinks). Diaper stations are located within the yellow, orange, teal, and purple rooms. On the lower level there are restroom areas adjacent to the green room. These are separate restrooms for boys and girls with several toilets and sinks in each. Children from the red and blue rooms must travel from their rooms to the green room to use the restroom. The center has been reminded about expectations for ratio and supervision requirements when children travel between rooms. Staff shall travel to the vicinity of the restroom area when child(ren) are using the area to be accountable for children as well as to ensure proper hand washing takes place as required. Program rooms also include one sink within the room that is used for hand washing. This sink is shared in counter space that separates the portions of the orange room. All program space was observed.

The center no longer includes program space in the south building and this is removed from the license capacity as noted below.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. Meals and snacks, with the exception of breakfast, are prepared at the IDPH licensed hospital kitchen and brought over to the center. Breakfast is prepared on site. There is a small kitchenette area and a counter top area near the entrance of the center where the final food preparation activities are completed by the designated staff person.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center continues to be well managed. The center being affiliated with a hospital provides for resources that otherwise might not be available. The main level of the center is bright with many windows. The staff and director continue to work well together. Activity planning continues to be well done for the center. The staff were once again observed to be highly

engaged with the children in activities in all program rooms. Program rooms appear clean and organized. The children's crafts and projects are posted throughout the center. The center has an excellent supply of extra materials organized in storage as well as books arranged by topic. The center continues to provide diapers and wipes for children. Required licensing documentation and child and files were found to be highly organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
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.
_1_ staff file reviewed first aid, cpr, and mandatory child abuse reporter certificates not completed within the first three months of employment.

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
_2_ staff files reviewed did not have the national record check completed. The national record check is required to be submitted prior to the staff starting at the center. The center director reports these have now been completed.
_1_ staff file reviewed did not not have all of the documentation for the Iowa record check. The Iowa record check shall be completed and cleared prior to the staff starting at the center, and all paperwork for the record check shall be located in the staff file.

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.
_1_ staff file reviewed did not have the physical completed pre-employment.
_1_ staff file reviewed did not have evidence of a staff physical.

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Over the counter medications not labeled with child's name, medication authorization missing the reason for the medication in the blue room.
2. Emergency action plan is needed for the child with the seizure medication.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. 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. Spray paint items accessible to children in the wooden cabinet, and scissors/adhesives accessible in drawer in the blue room.
2. Dish soap accessible on counter, television cord presents topple hazard, power strip with open outlets readily accessible to children in the red room.
3. Cot blankets hang over cots touching each other/other children's cots in the teal room.

109.15(5)c: Sanitary methods are used for dishwashing sufficient to prevent transmission of disease.
1. Wet dishes again observed set and stacked on towels. Dishes need to dry on a solid and sanitary non porous material. Dishes should not be stacked or put away until they are completely air dried. This was cited previously.
2. Dishes currently being washed manually because the dish washing machine is broken. Dishes are not going through a sanitizing step as is required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The administrative change portion of this report is completed to reflect the center's updated license capacity to reflect recent changes in how the center is using the licensed program space. The new configuration of the center includes the following maximum license capacity for each room:

Main Level
Purple Room (18 months – 2 years) = 17 children (I am allowing over 15 even though there is only one diaper station because you state some of the children do use the toilet.)
Teal Room (previously Blue Room, two/three years old) = 21 children
Yellow Room (previously Orange Room, youngest infants, CRIBS) = 15 children
Orange Room (previously Yellow Room, front part of room eight to 12 months, no cribs) = 8 children
Orange Room (previously Yellow Room, back part of room 12 to 18 months, no cribs) = 11 children

Lower Level
Blue Room (previously Teal Room, three years) = 25 children
Green Room (four/five years) = 24 children
Red Room (school age) = 14 children

1. If clothing items are to be stored in the restroom area(s) it should be closed storage in a container that can be easily cleaned and disinfected.
2. Update posted schedule for the teal room (posted schedule does not start until 7:15am) and in the green room to ensure timeframe between start times of meals/snacks is not more than three hours.
3. Improve storage of bedding items in the closet area of the yellow room and in the yellow room. Clean linens shall be stored separate and sanitary from other miscellaneous items.
4. Remove tape from cups/bottles so that these items can be properly cleaned and sanitized in the dish washing process.
5. Freezer in the kitchenette and in the orange room needs a working visible thermometer and should be monitored at least daily to ensure temperature is at 0F or below (breast milk stored here). Red room refrigerator needs a visible working thermometer to be monitored at least daily to ensure temperature is at 40F or below. Kitchenette refrigerator observed at 50F, this needs to maintain temperate at 40F or below.
6. Closet area where stove is located in the blue room needs to be secured so that doors do not present a pinch hazard.
7. Remove items stored on the diaper station in the blue room. This area shall remain free of items so that nothing is contaminated and so that the area can be properly cleaned and disinfected.
8. Improve organization and presentation of materials for the school age children in the red room.

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.