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

Name of Center: YWCA of Black Hawk County Child Care **Enrollment:** 43 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 22667

Street: 425 Lafayette St **City:** Waterloo Iowa **Zip** 50703 **County:** Black Hawk

Mailing Address: 425 Lafayette St, Waterloo, IA, 50703

Director's Name: Haley Snider **Phone Number:** 319-234-7589

On-Site Supervisor(s): Haley Snider **E-Mail:** ywcakids@ywcabhc.org hsnider@ywcabhc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-09-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **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: 03-30-2022

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care X 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	0	0	20	47	67
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 07-23-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 07/09/24 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to YWCA of Black Hawk County Child Care in Waterloo. I met with Nature Card, the assistant director for the program. She has been with the program since 06/20/24. Haley Snider is the director, but she was not present the day of my visit. Ms. Snider has been employed with the program since August 2020 and became the director in April 2024. She has a BA in an unrelated field. The program employs sixteen staff members.

The program primarily operates during the summer months. However, this location also cares for children during winter break, spring break, no school days and Fridays for preschool children. The school year program is referred to as "Playdays". It is in the local YWCA building, which is a historic building that is over 100 years old. The summer program operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 am until 6:00 pm and serves children who are in preschool and older. There are currently 43 children enrolled.

The YWCA also offers before and after-school programs and wrap around childcare programs at thirteen elementary schools in Waterloo and Cedar Falls during the school year. These programs are also licensed through the Department of Health and Human Services.

The program is operating out of two rooms: the Yangos (ages five through eight-years-old) and the Yoots (seven through twelve-years-old). The children also have use of the gym and the pool. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting in the rooms.

The centers the program has available include library, blocks/Legos, magnets, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, listening, writing, STEM kits and music. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level, so they were easily accessible to the children.

During the summer months, the program has the same weekly theme in each room. Each teacher prepares their own lesson plans based on the common theme. The children visit Gates pool each week and visit several parks in the area.

The Yangos room has a telephone. They have use of the phone in the office and use of cell phones. The emergency numbers and the program's address and phone number were posted in both areas. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the main program doors and outdoor exits in the two program spaces. A daily schedule was posted and lesson plans were available for review in the entrance.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. In 2023 there were no fire or tornados drills in July or August. In 2024 there was not a tornado drill in June. Fire and tornado drills must both be practiced every month.

A radon test was completed in November 2022 and is good for two years. Results were within EPA guidelines. The fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site and is in the reception area on the main level and in the Yangos room on the lower level. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal

inspection occurred on 03/30/22.

The program does not have a playground but uses local parks. Staff members do check the parks for safety concerns each time they visit. The center also has use of the YWCA pool and gym for activities.

The center does not participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) but follows the guidelines. The program provides breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. The program contracts out for breakfast and lunch with the Waterloo School System during the summer months. Snack is prepared on site and is provided by the food bank. Meals arrive individually packed and disposable products are used so there is no need for dishwashing. The children go through a line cafeteria style to get their meals. The program has use of two refrigerators in the kitchen and there is a refrigerator in the Yangos room. Thermometers were present.

For Playdays during the school year breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack are provided by the food bank.

The program is using Sani-T to sanitize the food tables. Label the soap and water bottles.

There is bathroom located on the main level near the office. The girls' bathroom has two toilets, and two sinks and the boys' bathroom has one toilet and one sink. Handwashing procedures were posted in both locations. There are also bathrooms on the lower level. The girls' bathroom has one toilet, and one sink and boys' bathroom has one toilet and one sink. Handwashing procedures were posted in both locations.

There is a sink outside of the Yoots room. Post handwashing procedures in this area.

The parent information is in the entrance of the program. The mandatory reporter information, the childcare consultant and the handbook availability were posted on a bulletin board in the entrance near the children's cubbies. The license is conspicuously posted. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

There were personal bags belonging to staff members in reach of children in the Yoots room and Yangos room. All personal items must be stored out of reach of children.

Staff members were actively engaged in activities with the children. They were spread out in the program space and interacted with the children at their level. They also moved around the program space to interact with all the children. In the Yangos room the children were drawing pictures and the staff member allowed each child the opportunity to share their picture with the rest of the class. Staff members provided praise and encouraged the children to use their imaginations. They maintained positive conversation with the children. Positive redirection was used when necessary. The children appeared to enjoy their time in the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program has swim days at the YWCA on Mondays and at Byrnes Park on Wednesdays.

The program has use of the YWCA gym for gross motor play.

The staff members keep communication logs in rooms so they can communicate with one another.

The rooms are overstaffed over ratio which allows for more staff interaction with the children.

The YWCA is committed to their community and the families they serve. They are giving equitable and fair access to resources for low income families.

The program serves a diverse population. They serve children with different ethnic backgrounds, abilities, economic status and social abilities.

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

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.
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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. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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.
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

*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.