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

**Name of Center:** Newton YMCA After School at Emerson Hough **Enrollment:** 25 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51441

**Street:** 700 N 4th Ave E. **City:** Newton Iowa **Zip** 50208 **County:** Jasper

**Mailing Address:** 1701 S 8th Ave E, Newton, IA, 50208

**Director's Name:** Serenity Bookout **Phone Number:** 641-792-7021

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Bailey Jones **E-Mail:** serenity.bookout@newtonymca.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 04-17-2023

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:** 04-27-2021

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

**Date Inspected:** 03-17-2021

**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 Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

| **HOURS:** | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | | 60 | 60 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-24-2023

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Newton YMCA After School at Emerson Hough was given permission to open in August 2021. The center provides before and after school child care for children who attend this school as well as some additional elementary schools. The center operates inside the elementary school and has it's own secured entrance. The center uses the cafeteria, gym and playground for programming space. Serenity Bookout is the director of this center. Serenity is also the director of the YMCA Child Care Center. Bailey Jones is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. A schedule was posted. The center has a nice supply of age appropriate games, art supplies, toys and learning supplies that are available and placed in the cafeteria during programming. Children's coats and backpacks are placed on hooks in the cafeteria.

Bailey wasn't on work status today. Taliyah assisted with the visit. One additional staff person was working. There were fifteen children present today. Children were observed during child directed activities and also working on a craft project. Children were making a canvas art project as a group activity. Staff assisted the children during their individual and group activities.

The center serves snack after school. A menu was not available at the center today. The menu is prepared from the YMCA Early Learning Center. Children that attend programming before school eat breakfast with in the school cafeteria.

The school playground is partially fenced. There is rubber tile, wood chips and blacktop for surfacing. There are some large climbing structures, swings and basketball hoops. The center completes monthly playground checks.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

This center has spacious programming space for the children. The children are offered large motor play activities daily through the use of the school's gym. The center is overseen by the YMCA Child Care Center.

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

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.
A newly hired staff started employment prior to her state record check being completed.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center has a full license.

*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.