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

Name of Center: YWCA Children's Center Lyons Campus **Enrollment:** 57 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 37702

Street: 250 20th AVE N **City:** Clinton Iowa **Zip** 52732 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: 317 7th AVE S, Clinton, IA, 52732

Director's Name: Alisha Pope Wosoba **Phone Number:** 563-242-2190

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** childrenscenter@ywcaclinton.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-18-2025

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: 06-02-2022

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	26	20	36	10	92
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 03-31-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 2/18/25. This is one of several non profit YWCA owned and operated child care centers in Clinton. The YWCA has a well-defined organizational structure. Alisha Pope Wosoba is the center director. Alisha had previously been the on site supervisor for the program. Alisha was present at the center for this visit as were other staff. The center operates out of a portion of a renovated older building. The building is owned by New Directions, a substance abuse treatment program for the Clinton area. The YWCA pays a maintenance fee to the owner to use the space for the center. The building serves other community functions as well. Except for when the children may use the gymnasium in the building, the center's currently licensed space is separate and secure. The participates in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of the following program rooms: Dragonfly Room (three and four year old child care); Grasshopper Room (four year old prek and child care four and older); Caterpillar Room (six weeks to 12 months); Ladybug Room (12 months through 23 months); and Bumblebee Room (two/three years old). Program rooms were generally adequately supplied with materials to support program needs. Program rooms include restroom areas adjacent to the rooms as well as additional sinks within the program room itself. Some sinks are at child level. Diaper stations are constructed within the counter top areas in the rooms that need them with the exception of the dragonflies room where there is a diapering station located within the restroom area. All program space was observed.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. All food service comes from the main YWCA site and is brought to this site in heat holding containers. Final preparation for delivery to the individual rooms is then done on site in the center's kitchenette area.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center continues to be managed by an experienced director. The facility itself is bright with windows in each program room. Children's projects are posted throughout the center. The center director states that cameras have been installed in the hallways, classrooms, and outdoor play areas since the last licensing visit. Licensing documentation and staff and child files were found to be organized.

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

CHILD FILES:
109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
1. _2_ provisional certificates were expired and therefore not valid. Valid certificate required to be on file at the center or the child should not be in attendance.

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 not recorded for 11/2024 and 12/2024.

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.
1. Grasshopper room: Electrical outlets accessible in power strip, staff bag accessible, items under sink cabinet accessible that should not be, children's personal items not stored adequately in their cubby space. This room needs general organization of materials.
2. Ladybug room: Children's hands not washed prior to snack.
3. Dragonfly room: Diaper ointment accessible under diaper station cabinet, bingo daubers are labeled to keep out of reach of children and should not be used by the children or be accessible to them.
4. Bumblebee room: Staff did not wash hands after cleaning the diaper station.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
1. Playground inspections not documented for 11/2024 and 12/2024.

109.15(5)c Sanitary methods are used for dishwashing sufficient to prevent transmission of disease.
1. Staff are washing dishes in the caterpillars room. Dish washing procedures are not adequate. Dishes (including bottles and bibs) shall go through the proper dish washing procedures in the kitchen area by kitchen staff.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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.

1. Remove open clothing storage from all restroom areas.
2. Ensure proper procedures for standing diaper changes including paper barrier available for child to stand on and set items on during diaper change.
3. Remove larger/heavier items stacked on top of shelves or cabinets so as not to present a potential topple hazard.
4. Hand washing supervision needs improvement in the dragonfly room.
5. Remove wooden shelves leaned up against the wall in the bumblebee restroom area so as not to present a topple hazard.
6. Remove table leaned up against wall in the gym so as not to present a topple hazard.
7. Ensure all staff physicals are documented on the required form.
8. Ensure field trip first aid kit is stocked with all items on the first aid kit checklist.
9. Ensure all meals and snacks meet CACFP requirements for credible items.

The 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.