

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

Name of Center: Little Warriors Y Club **Enrollment:** 100 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52284

Street: 206 S D ST **City:** Sergeant Bluff **Iowa Zip** 51054 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 601 Riverview DR, South Sioux City, NE, 68776

Director's Name: Abigail Schultz **Phone Number:** 402-404-8439

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** lbriggs@nwsymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-30-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-15-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-09-2023

Comments : Program has had a couple of director changes. Amanda Pedersen had become the new director for this site on 05-30-24 as Lucas Briggs had resigned. Then on 12-09-24 Abigail Schultz took over director for Amanda as she resigned. Abi is the director of the YMCA childcare center in So. Sioux City Ne and also oversees a school age program at the Dakota Valley School in McCook Lake SD. The program is also looking at adding another room to increase capacity to 128.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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 X Summer Only

HOURS: Year-round School-Year Summer Only

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				128	128
Summer				50	50

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-23-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew

Date: 12-04-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited school age center on 05-30-24, 09-30-24, and 12-06-24 and spoke with new director Abigail Schultz. Program has had a couple of director changes. Amanda Pedersen had become the new director for this site on 05-30-24 as Lucas Briggs had resigned. Then on 12-09-24 Abigail Schultz took over director for Amanda as she resigned. Abi is the director of the YMCA childcare center in So. Sioux City Ne and also oversees a school age program at the Dakota Valley School in McCook Lake SD. The program is also looking at adding another room to increase capacity to 128. Ms Schultz has her bachelors degree and has several years working with children. She is currently the director of the Siouxland YMCA childcare center and oversees a school age program at Dakota Valley School in McCook SD. The Little Warrior Y Club took over the Basic school age program from the Sgt. Bluff School and started on 08-23-23. Little Warrior Y Club uses the lunch room and gym of the Sgt. Bluff Elementary School. They are waiting to use the art room to where capacity increased to 128. The program serves school agers TK thru 5th grade. The program operates during the school year and offers a morning 6:30am to 8:30am and 3:15 to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday. Once a month on Wednesday the program in the afternoon is from 2:20pm to 6:00pm. When the school is closed due to weather or normal closures the program is not opened. The program also offers a summer program at the school but limits the number of kids to 50. Summer program will start June 2, 2025 to 07-26-25 and operated M-F 7:30am to 5:30pm.

The program currently has 100 children enrolled in the program. Due to Amber who came on board when the license visit was due she asked to give her time to catch up on Iowa licensing rules, therefore, licensing was delayed. Abi then took over on 12-09-24 due to Amber resigning.

The program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of activity room, observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. Files are still being updated.

The program has following activities/centers that they children can utilize: art, kitchen, books, games, crafts, computers, puzzles and legos. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. The program had sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children.

The program provides afternoon snacks. Program needs to follow CACFP guidelines for nutrition. A snack list was sent to director. Center follows proper medication. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills need to be documented each month. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Program needs to ensure kids wash hands prior to snack. Program is free of any observable health or safety hazards. During the summer the children bring their lunches which is kept in the refrigerator. The program does academic in the morning and will do field trips in the afternoon.

The center does not go on field trips during the school year. The program had offered a summer program at this site last summer and will continue providing a summer camp. They use the Y buses to transport kids on field trips during the summer. They would use the Y facilities, go on field trips or they may go to a park. Playground inspections were completed. They utilize the large gym if unable to get outside. They use the school playground adjacent to the school.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
Center does not transport at this time as they don't go on any field trip.

Goals of the program is to finish the school year strong. To look into using the Playground or Bright Wheel Apps for childcare.

Strengths of the program is that the program has a good relationship with the school. The families may be new to the Little Warrior Y Club, but the Y programs are not new to the community. Good relationship with the parents.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter of what activities are doing.

Staff interact with the children in a positive manner.

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

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: 6

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

Number not in compliance: 6

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff/kids files need to be current. The director needs to email consultant by 01-24-25 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected. It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR for support.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.