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

Name of Center: YWCA Children's Center Lyons Campus **Enrollment:** 48 **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: 03-19-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **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: 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:** 04-23-2024

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 3/19/24. 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 New Directions 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 through five year old child care); Grasshopper Room (three year old preschool, four year old preschool, three through five year old child care); Caterpillar Room (six weeks to 12 months); Ladybug Room (12 months through 23 months); and Bumblebee Room (two/three years old). The center director states that school age children have either used the dragonfly or grasshopper rooms or the gym. The center will need to ensure compliance for mixed age groups as noted below in the report. Program rooms were generally well 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. Minor preparation 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. The center director states the center is planning to install cameras in the rooms. Licensing documentation and staff files were found to be organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
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. Children observed using the hand washing sink to obtain drinking water, and staff washing hands in the food preparation sink in the dragonflies room.

2. Children with toys/items at the food tables.
3. Open storage of clothing and clothing items on the floor in the restroom area of the grasshoppers room.
4. Staff purses accessible on counter in grasshopper room.
5. Staff observed not cleaning and disinfecting the diaper station properly in the bumblebee room.
6. Miscellaneous choking hazards in accessible drawer or out and otherwise accessible in the bumblebee room.
7. Miscellaneous choking hazards in accessible drawer in the caterpillar room.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
1. Playground inspections were not documented for 1/2024 and 2/2024.

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. Spray bottles for diaper stations found to be cross located in several rooms. Diaper station spray bottles shall be used in that area only. This has been noted previously.
2. Ensure chair does not block back exit door from the caterpillar room.
3. Improve storage of children's items in their cubbies in the dragonflies room.
4. Phone posting is needed at the phone in the grasshopper room.
5. Improve storage of clean dishes in the kitchen area. Cardboard is not a sufficient sanitary surface material. Kitchen area in general needs to be deep cleaned and organized including the insides of some of the refrigerator/freezer units. Dishes that are stained should be removed and replaced.
6. Clearly label the hallway locations of first aid kits and ensure these are stored out of reach of the children. This has been noted previously.
7. The center is to be working with the CCNC in regards to the product they are using in the kitchen area for sanitizing to ensure this product is safe for food service activities and that they are using it according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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.