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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - Norwalk **Enrollment:** 134 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51820

Street: 2201 Sunset DR **City:** Norwalk Iowa **Zip** 50211 **County:** Warren

Mailing Address: 2201 Sunset DR, Norwalk, IA, 50211

Director's Name: Jessica Lopez **Phone Number:** 515-981-0089

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** Kylie.Schrader@ybrecdc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-11-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-27-2024

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

Date Inspected: 06-21-2023

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit 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	40	36	84	54	214
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 07-12-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This daycare opened in January 2020. The daycare changed ownership in June 2022 and the name changed to it's current name. Kylie Schrader and Jessica Johnson are the owners. They own three other daycares in this area and several daycares in Minnesota. The center is located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. There are security cameras in the classrooms, playgrounds and the entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. Jessica Lopez is the director of the center.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classrooms had schedules and lesson plans posted and/or available. The classrooms have children's art work displayed on walls. The center uses Funny Daffer for the learning curriculum. Kangaroo Time is the app used by the center.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Jessica was present and she assisted with today's visit. Kacie Harms, Yellow Brick Road Regional Director, came to the center during the visit and also assisted. The center has thirteen classrooms in operation at this time. Children were observed in classrooms and on the playground. The center has seven infant and toddler classrooms open at this time. There are two Exploring Preschool rooms (2's), two Preschool rooms (3/4's), two PreK rooms (4/5's) and one School Age classroom. All classrooms were at or above ratio requirements. Children were observed during staff led activities such as reading books together and doing group games. Individual activities were also observed. Some classrooms were observed during lunch and some children were observed during rest time and during transition times.

The center has a kitchen and cook. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center doesn't participate in CACFP but does follow CACFP guidelines according to the menus. Menus are on a four week rotation.

The center has two playgrounds. Both playgrounds have fencing in place. There is an infant/toddler playground. There is turf grass for surfacing material. There are a few climbers and the center has other outdoor toys for the children's use. The second playground is divided in two, an area for preschool and for older children. There is turf grass for surfacing material. There are climbing structures, basketball ball hoops and many outdoor play materials.

The center owns vans which are used for transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center's owners, Kylie Schrader and Jessica Johnson, own several daycare centers in the Des Moines area and several daycare centers in other states. This building was built for the child care center. There is an indoor large motor play area room in addition to the outdoor playground areas. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate supplies and

furnishings. The center is starting the process of IQ4K.

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

There were no licensed violations cited during today's visit.

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.