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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - Down Town **Enrollment:** 96 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51819

Street: 756 9th ST **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50309 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 756 9th ST, Des Moines, IA, 50309

Director's Name: Haley Greenfield **Phone Number:** 515-285-2256

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kellie Hayes **E-Mail:** haley.greenfield@ybrecdc.org
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Date(s) of Visit: 07-17-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-29-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-12-2024

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	26	89	26	181
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-03-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This daycare center opened in 2012. Ownership changed in June 2022 to the present owners. The owners have several child care centers in the metro area as well as Minnesota and Nebraska. This center is located within a single standing building. The center has two secured entrances. The center offers child care services for children ages infancy through school age. Kacie Harms is the Regional Director of the center. Haley Greenfield is the center's director. Kellie Hayes is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Kacie and Haley assisted with today's visit. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrances. Each class had a schedule posted. This week's lesson plan was posted. Children's artwork is displayed in hallways and in the classrooms. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate toys, learning materials and furnishings.

There were eight classrooms in operation today. There are three infant classrooms. One infant class had six infants present. Two staff were working in this class. A second infant class had eight infants present. Two staff were working with this class. A Wobblers class (1's) had eight children present. Two staff were working in this room. There were two Exploring Preschool (2's) rooms. One class had eight children in attendance. There were two staff working in this room. The second class had thirteen children present. Three staff were working with this group. The Preschool class had thirteen children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The PreK class had thirteen children present. The school age class had fourteen children in attendance. This class was on a field trip during the visit. Two staff were working with this class.

Children were observed during staff led activities and during child led activities. Children were observed in their classrooms and on the playground. Children were observed doing artwork and playing in the learning centers. Staff were observed to be actively engaged with the children throughout the visit.

The center has two playgrounds. There is a rooftop playground. The playground has turf for surfacing. There are a few small climbing structures. This playground is having the surfacing redone at this time. The other playground is behind the daycare center. The older children generally play on this playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center has a full kitchen and cook on staff. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack are served. Menus are on a four week rotation. Menus reflect CACFP guidelines are followed.

The center owns two vans that are used for transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The owners have many years of experience leading child care centers. The classrooms are supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning materials. The center has video cameras in the classrooms and playgrounds. The Yellow Brick Road centers use Kangaroo Time for an app to communicate with parents. Staff used Funny Daffer for lesson planning.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during the 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.