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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - West **Enrollment:** 131 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51821

Street: 1300 8th ST #2 **City:** West Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50265 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1300 8th ST #2, West Des Moines, IA, 50265

Director's Name: Brandon Meyers **Phone Number:** 515-223-0008

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tasha Versteg **E-Mail:** kylie.schrader@ybrecdc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-22-2024

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:** 01-29-2024

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

Date Inspected: 02-17-2023

Comments : West Des Moines

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	48	26	98	58	230
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-03-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This daycare has been in operation since June 2022. Kylie Schrader and Jessica Johnson are the owners. They own several other daycares in this area as well as several daycares in Minnesota and Nebraska. The center is located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. There are security cameras in the classrooms, playground and the entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. Kacie Harms is the regional director of the center. Brandon Meyers is the director of the center. Tasha Versteg is the assistant director.

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 have schedules and lesson plans posted. The classrooms have children's art work displayed on walls. Kangaroo Time is the app used by the center. The daycare uses Funny Daffer for their learning curriculum. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys.

Brandon and Kacie were both present today and they assisted with the visit. The center has ten classrooms. The center has two infant classrooms, two Wobblers classrooms (1's), two Exploring PS classrooms (2's), two PS classrooms (3/4's), one PreK classroom (4/5's) and one school age class. The school age classroom didn't have children present during today's visit. All classrooms were at or above ratio requirements. Children were observed during child directed and staff led activities. Some children were observed during rest time. Staff were observed to be actively engaged with the children's activities throughout the visit.

The center has a full kitchen. There is a cook on staff. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP requirements. Menus are on a four week rotation.

The center has a playground that has fencing in place. There is rubber mulch for surfacing material. There are a few climbing structures. The center has documented monthly playground checks.

The center owns two fifteen passenger vans. Children ages preschool and school age go on field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The owners have many years of experience in the child care field. The regional director and the director of this center have a lot of experience in child care also.
The center's classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate toys, learning materials and furnishings.
The playground has been remodeled since the center has been under new ownerships.

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

109.12(4): Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.
There were some cots for a couple preschool classrooms that were placed right beside each other during naptime. Brandon said he will talk with staff in these rooms to make sure cots have adequate spacing in the classrooms.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

One classroom, a toddler room, was too dark during naptime. It was advised the center place a lamp or make sure shades are kept up during naptime to ensure staff can safely supervise children during naptime.

Staff need to be trained and/or reminded of developmentally appropriate rest time procedures and that children need to be allowed to get out of cribs, off cots when they wake up, not at the time that naptime is done according to the room schedule. Management said this practice is not appropriate and staff are not trained to have children wait without toys and activities while other children are sleeping and/or naptime is not done.

*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.