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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - Maple **Enrollment:** 62 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51998

Street: 110 SW Maple ST **City:** Ankeny Iowa **Zip** 50023 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 110 SW Maple ST, Ankeny, IA, 50023

Director's Name: Amber Maher **Phone Number:** 515-964-5437

On-Site Supervisor(s): TBD **E-Mail:** kylie.schrader@ybrecdc.org
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Date(s) of Visit: 07-09-2024

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:** 07-12-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-22-2024

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Ankeny Fire Dep/Tyson Hood.

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	24	10	24	22	80
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: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 07-23-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced full licensing visit was completed 7/9/24; Amber Maher, director was present and Jamie Ballentine, Regional Director was present at times during the visit.

This center was purchased and renamed Yellow Brick Road (Maple, Ankeny) by Kylie Schrader and Jessica Johnsen in 2022. They provide traditional childcare, preschool and before/after school care for approximately 57 children, providing care from 6:00 AM until 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. The center has sole occupancy of the building. The director is Amber Maher, who assumed the role of director after having been an assistant direct for another Yellow Brick Road Center along with having other child care experience. She meets the points criteria to be director. The center is working to establish an assistant director.

These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Observation of Rooms: This center uses Funny Daffer curriculum and an application called Kangaroo Time to reflect the daily activities for the children to their parents. The rooms were in ratio today; and classrooms offer a variety of age and developmentally toys and play centers. The rooms were clean and arranged nicely. The staff were observed to maintain structure and provide nurturing responses. Proper Handwashing technique was in use. Restrooms were appropriately stocked with toiletries. The school age children were at a mini-golf outing when this visit took place otherwise all other classrooms children were observed.

Nutritional Practices:
This center has an on-site kitchen with the director helping to prepare lunch and snacks at this time. The center offers lunch and snacks during the summer; which is served family style in the classrooms. The menu was posted and appears to be in compliance with CACFP guidelines; setup on a five week/seasonal rotation. The kitchen is smaller and staff have made efficient use of space along with updates; this kitchen was clean and organized. Menu's are posted. There is a carbon monoxide detector in the kitchen.

Health and Safety:
Emergency exit plans are posted throughout the center in conspicuous locations; drills documented to have been completed monthly. Radon testing was noted to have been completed January of 2022 and was documented to be below the 4.0 cutoff of acceptable levels. First Aid kits were available. The HVAC was documented to have been inspected 3/25/24

Playground:
The playground is enclosed with chain link fencing. There is play equipment and shade structures. Surfacing is wood chips and cement. The director indicated that the center intends to renovate this playground in a very short time.

Transportation:
The center has busses available for transportation.

Administrative records:
Fliers for mandatory reporting; handbook, license are posted; an updated consultant contact flier was provided. Non-smoking signs are posted. Tornado/Fire emergency plans--this center is mid-renovation and will repost exit plans when painting is finished; when staff were asked what the plan was, they were able to verbalize emergency plans to me. Five employee files were reviewed--one missing FBI (national) background checks; two employees in need of CPR/First aid; one needing mandatory reporter training and 3 missing a physical--which the director indicated she is working to update. Five child files were reviewed--two needed updated physicals and annual updates; two were missing emergency dental care contact infornation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a good reputation in the community and staff were observed to have nurturing and positive interactions with the children.

This is an older and smaller center, and they believe this allows them to provide a more homey feel. The classrooms are smaller and this size of space is helpful for some children. The children were observed to be content and readily interacting with staff, along with staff establishing and maintaining structure in the rooms.

The center maintains good communication with parents.

The owner and management team is a great support for the center.

The parents are a strong support for the center.

The center has been working to update/renovate the center for several months; next area is the playground where the director is looking to renovate with a "nature" theme.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1

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: 3

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.

109.9(2)a: All files contain sufficient information to allow the center to contact the parent or emergency contact at any time

child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance: 1
Information lacking: emergency contact information;

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 2
Number not in compliance for dental: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 2

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every five years. The center last completed radon testing in January of 2022 and the levels were under the 4.0 cutoff.

Menus are reflective of CACFP guidelines.

A full two year license is recommended.

*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.