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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - Huxley

Provider No.: 52002

Address: 201 N US HWY 69, Huxley, IA, 50124

County: Story

Director's Name: Keneesha Fry

On-Site Supervisor: Kennedy Balentine

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HHS Visit Date: 06/11/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2025 to 06/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/21/2024

Comments: Fire Inspections are due at least every three years; 2/21/24 inspection completed by Inspector Andrew McCall, IA Dept of Public Safety.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	35	27	40	25	127
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed on 6-11-26, with Director Keneesha Fry present through the visit.

Yellow Brick Road purchased this center and several other centers in 2022, which are a part of other centers owned in Iowa and other states.

Jamie Ballentine is the general manager for this center and others for Yellow Brick Road. Jamie has 30 years of experience in the child care field, and has been a director previously. Keneesha Fry started as director in 2026, and had been with Yellow Brick Road for several years prior. The on-site supervisor is Kennedy Balentine, who has been with Yellow Brick Road for several years.

Yellow Brick Road-Huxley ECDC operates out of a single-story building, the entirety of which is dedicated for child care. The center serves children from age 6 weeks up to age 12. The center hours are from 6:30 am - 6:00 pm.

Room observations/activities: The center is uses the Funny Daffer Curriculum. Funny Daffer is a curriculum designed by Yellow Brick Road and assists in lesson planning and ideas. The center uses maybe switching over to the Pro-care application for communication with parents. The children were content--involved in group activities or individual play centers. The school-age classroom was off campus for a field trip to Reimen Gardens when this visit took place. The staff were observed to offer good structure in the classrooms and nurturing with the children.

Nutrition Practices; There is an onsite kitchen and staff. Menus are crafted by the director and rotated seasonally; menu items appeared in line with CACFP guidelines. The center is considering an application to be enrolled in the CACFP food

program as well. The kitchen was clean and organized with menus posted. Meals/snacks are served family style in the classrooms. This center offers morning snack, Lunch and afternoon snack.

Health/safety: Handwashing signs were posted throughout the center as required. Tornado and Fire emergency plans were posted and drills were documented have been completed as required monthly. The center has an emergency preparedness plan that offers an off site evacuation and regrouping area that staff trains for upon hire and then periodically the director will remind staff of this plan during staff meetings.

Playground: The playground is enclosed with chain link fencing, and has play structures. Safety surfacing is rubber pads and rubber chips. The director shared the playground up for renovations and additions.

Transportation/Field Trips: The center vans that have routine maintenance. The Ballard Community School has a bus that drops off children from school.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center self-identified the needs of the community and elected to rearrange spaces to increase the capacity to care for infants and school ages.

The center offers part time and full time care for families.

The classrooms are clean and nicely organized; offering a good variety of toys and play centers.

The center has two separate playground areas that can be accessed from all of the classrooms.

The school district will pick up and drop off the school age children during the school year.

The center has many field trips and activities planned for the summer--school agers were off-campus at Reimen Gardens this year during the visit.

The center has strong partnerships and relationships with outside agencies, such as AEA and CCR&R.

The center now has a secure entrance. The center has video monitoring.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

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109.9(1)c: 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)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7.

109.9(2)i: 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, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic

conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

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-A staff file reviewed needed an updated SIGN (Iowa Background check).
-The center director would complete this check later on this day and inform licensing.

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-Two staff files reviewed did not contain National (Fingerprints)Background check results
-The director agreed to set an appointment for those staff to complete the fingerprinting process for National Background checks
-The director agreed to provide updated National check results and dates with licensing.

109.9(1)c: 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.
-Two staff files reviewed were missing valid CPR/First Aid completion certifications. One certificate was expired and another was not in the file nor listed in the electronic staff file (Ipower)
-One staff was missing a mandatory reporter training certificate (not located in on-site file nor the electronic file)
-The director stated that training for staff to update CPR/First aid would set and staff would complete the training.
-The director would have staff complete mandatory reporter training and provide certificate of completion to licensing.
-The director would email the new/valid CPR/First Aid certifications to licensing

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-Several child files reviewed needed updated physical exam and immunization records
-The director would seek out the updated information from the children's parents and place in file

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A new full two year license is recommended.

Radon testing is now due every five years if testing is under the 4.0 cutoff. The center completed radon testing in January of 2021 and all rooms fell under the 4.0 cutoff.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with the center director their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The center is now offering additional professional trainings to staff regarding behavior management techniques. The center has staff development and staff meetings to "brain storm"

additional ideas for classroom and behavioral management in the center.

Date: 07/06/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.