Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - West

Provider No.: 51821

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

County: Polk

Director's Name: Rachel Carano

On-Site Supervisor: Gretchen Filippelli

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HHS Visit Date: 02/24/2026

Licensing Period: 03/01/2026 to 03/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/15/2025

Comments: West Des Moines

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	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Tuesday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Wednesday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Thursday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Friday	6:45 AM to 5:45 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	48	26	98	58	230
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This daycare has been in operation since June 2022. Troy Bage is the CEO of Yellow Brick Road and they own several daycares in this area as well as 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. Rachel Carano is the director. Rachel began in this position in the fall of 2025. Rachel has an associates degree in Early Childhood. Rachel has prior experience as a director prior to coming to this center. Gretchen Filippelli is the on site supervisor. Gretchen is the on site supervisor. Gretchen has an associates degree in Early Childhood. She has been at the center since 2022.

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. Class schedules are posted by classroom doors. Each class has current lesson plans posted. Line Leader is the app used by the center. The daycare uses play based curriculums for their lesson planning. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys. Children's art work is displayed in hallways and classrooms. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies in classrooms.

Rachel assisted with today's visit. Due to some issues with the roof and water issues, some of the classrooms weren't open today.
An infant classroom had five infants present. There were two staff working with this class. A Wobblers class (1's) had seven children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. An Exploring Preschool class (2's) had seven children present. One staff was working this group. A second Exploring Preschool class (2's) had thirteen children in attendance. Three staff were in this classroom. A Preschool class (3's) had ten children present. One staff was working in this classroom. A PreK class (4/5's) had sixteen children in attendance. There were two staff working in this room. Children were observed during

child directed play activities, during rest time and during some transition times.

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 a smaller toddler playground also. There is turf surfacing on the toddler playground. There is rubber mulch for surfacing material on the main playground. 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.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center's classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate toys, learning materials and furnishings. The playground has been updated in the past few years. The center has a room used for large motor play activities.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(13)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
There were several emergency drills missed in the fall of 2025.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

Date: 03/05/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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.

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