Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC Jordan Creek

Provider No.: 52668

Address: 6355 Beechtree DR, West Des Moines, IA, 50266

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kacie Harms, Regional Director

On-Site Supervisor: Abbey Hunkin

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HHS Visit Date: 09/18/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/02/2025

Comments: West Des Moines Fire Department

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	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Tuesday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Wednesday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Thursday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Friday	8:00 AM to 5:00 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	28	20	44	30	122
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

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. The center does not currently have a director. Abbey Hunkin is the on site supervisor.

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. 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.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Tammy Ewing, assistant director from Yellow Brick Road ECDC - West Des Moines, assisted with today's visit. There were four classrooms in operation today.
The infant classroom had five infants present. Two staff were working in this class. The Wobblers (1's) had three children present. One staff was working in this classroom. The Exploring Preschool class (2's) had six children present. One staff was working in this class. The Preschool class (3's) had seven children present. Two staff were working with this group. Interactions between staff and children were observed to be positive. Staff in the infant class were observed sitting on the floor with the infants, providing close supervision, holding infants and assisting them play with age appropriate toys. Staff were assisting children play in the interest areas in the classes.

The center has a full kitchen. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus reviewed showed compliance

with CACFP requirements. Menus are on a four week rotation. Snack served today was goldfish crackers and milk.

The center has a playground with fencing. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center has a van for transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center's owners, Kylie Schrader and Jessica Johnson, own several daycare centers in the Des Moines area and several daycare centers in other states. This building was built for the purpose of being a child care center. There is an indoor large motor play area space. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate supplies and furnishings. The center has security cameras in classrooms.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(1): Centers with multiple sites have a qualified director or on-site supervisor at all sites.Information on the director's qualifications is submitted to the consultant prior to employment and is sufficient to make a determination.Center director meets qualifications or is "qualifiable" with a plan established to meet qualifications.
HHS was not aware until the week of the visit that the approved director left the daycare in June. The center hasn't had a director since that time. HHS was not made aware of the director leaving nor was an approved plan for an interim director presented to HHS until the end of September.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.Sufficient lighting shall be provided.Sufficient ventilation.Sufficient heating.Sufficient cooling.Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
There was an electric outlet not covered in the Exploring Preschool classroom.
This was resolved during the visit.

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: 09/23/2025

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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