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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - Huxley **Enrollment:** 60 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52002

Street: 201 N US HWY 69 **City:** Huxley Iowa **Zip** 50124 **County:** Story

Mailing Address: 201 N US HWY 69, Huxley, IA, 50012

Director's Name: Kenedy Balentine **Phone Number:** 515-597-2060

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

Date(s) of Visit: 05-21-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-05-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-11-2021

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three years. ***PENDING FIRE INSPECTION**

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	12	24	51	40	127
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 06-09-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off-year annual visit was completed 5-21-24. Assistant Director Kerigan Ballentine was present through this visit.

Yellow Brick Road purchased this Tender Years Center, and the other 5 Tender Years Centers in October of 2022. The owners are Jessica Johnsen and Kylie Schrader. Jessica and Kylie own centers in Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota. They are not a corporation.

Jamie Balentine is the general manager for the 6 centers that are now Yellow Brick Road and used to be the Tender Years centers. Jamie has 30 years of experience in the child care field, and has been a director previously. Kenedy Balentine is the Director of this center, starting in this role in October of 2022, she was the On-Site Supervisor. Kenedy has over 5 years experience in the childcare field and meets qualifications for this position. Kerigan Balentine became the on-site supervisor in October of 2022, she was the director. She has over seven years of experience in the childcare field and meets qualifications for this position.

The center serves children from age 6 weeks up to age 12. The center hours are from 6:00 am - 6:00 pm.

All areas of the program were observed. 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.

Room observations/activities: The center is using a new curriculum called Funny Daffer. Funny Daffer is a curriculum designed by Yellow Brick Road and assists in lesson planning and ideas. Rooms are in ratio; with staff being observed to maintain good structure in the rooms. Good handwashing technique was observed modeled by staff and staff assisting handwashing for the children. There is a variety of age/developmentally appropriate play centers and toys in the classrooms, that are nicely organized. Discussion took place regarding boxes, food boxes, toys, books and other objects in the hallways obstructing free movement through the center; including in the tornado shelter; which the assistant director moved/rearranged while the visit took place due to the emergent need.

Nutrition Practices; There is an onsite kitchen and staff. Menus are crafted by the area director and in line with CACFP. Meals/snacks are served family style in the classrooms; the kitchen was clean and organized with menus posted.

Health/safety: Medication is stored securely in the infant room in a fanny pack; Handwashing signs were posted throughout the center as required. There is a first aid cart in the kitchen. Tornado and Fire emergency plans were posted and drills were documented to have been competed monthly as required. This center needs to acquire a carbon monoxide detector.

Playground: A new playground safety check sheet will be provided and is available on the CCR&R site also. The playground is enclosed with chain link fencing, and has play structures. Safety surfacing is rubber pads and rubber chips.

This playground appeared in good repair.

Transportation/Field Trips: The center has small buses that professionally maintained.

Administrative review: Fliers for mandatory reporting, handbook, consultant contact, license, and non-smoking signs were posted. Six child files were reviewed with one needing an updated physical form. Five staff files were reviewed, one missing an employee/vounteer/substitute statement; two missing FBI or finger print/National checks, with one having been submitted but not returned; two staff have not completed CPR and two more staff files indicated that those staff need to repeat CPR/First aid training. One staff needed to provide a physical and completion certificates for essentials training.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center will be applying for an IQ4K rating.

Enrollment is good. The center offers part time and full time care for families.

The staff are flexible and show pride in the center. The staff are dedicated and view this as a career, not just a job.

The center has strong communication with families and has developed a good relationship with parents.

The rooms are set up well with age appropriate equipment and activities.

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

The center has strong community support.

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.

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

The center has received grant money and has been able to purchase new toys and equipment.

Yellow Brick Road has an enrollment specialist.

The staff and administrative team have adapted to the changes with being purchased by another owner.

The Huxley library comes out to the center twice a month to read and sing songs to the preschool children.

The center closes 3 days a year for professional development training.

The management team works well together.

The management team works hard to let staff know they are valued and appreciated. They had teacher appreciation week for staff in May, doing something different every day to show staff appreciation. They had food, games, prizes and gifts. The administration team shows Acts of Appreciation each week.

The center now has a secure entrance.

The center uses an App called Kangaroo time for real time communication, daily notes and pictures.

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.
*One file was missing CPR/First aid certification and essentials training

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
*one file was missing this statement.

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: 2

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: 1

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.
Number not in compliance: 2
*two staff CPR/First aid certifications had expired and will be scheduled to be repeated ASAP.

109.9(2)c: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.

For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

*Discussion took place regarding boxes, food boxes, toys, books and other objects in the hallways obstructing free movement through the center; including in the tornado shelter; which the assistant director moved/rearranged while the visit took place due to the emergent need. The hallways need be obstruction free for safety/emergency reasons. The center has ordered additional storage to keep items from obstructing free movement in and out of the classrooms/center.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The menu's reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines.

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.

The furnace is inspected annually.

The director will ensure the playground inspections are documented monthly.*SECOND YEAR*.

Discussion took place regarding the need to keep on hallways or common ways of movement through the center needing to be free from obstructions such as boxes; food boxes, toys, other objects etc including the centers designated tornado shelter. The assistant director was working to remove debris while the visit was taking place.

*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.