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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - Altoona **Enrollment:** 29 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52696

Street: 907 8th ST SW **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 756 9th ST, Des Moines, IA, 50309

Director's Name: Kacie Harms **Phone Number:** 515-381-2444

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kacie.harms@ybrecdc.org
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Date(s) of Visit: 01-23-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-16-2024

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

Date Inspected: 06-15-2023

Comments :

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	28	12	53	24	117
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2024 to 09-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 02-10-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This daycare opened in October 2024. Kylie Schrader and Jessica Johnson are the owners. They own several other daycares in this area as well as daycares in other states. The center is located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance.
The center serves children ages infancy through school age. Kacie Harms, Regional Director, is currently acting as director of this center.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classrooms had schedules and lesson plans posted. Classrooms are supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and materials. Children's art work is displayed in classrooms. Funny Daffer is the learning curriculum used by the center. Kangaroo Time is the app used by this daycare. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies and hooks in classrooms.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject HHS licensing were reviewed. Kacie Harms assisted with the visit.
There were three infants present in the Infants classroom. One staff was working in that classroom. The Wobblers (1's) were combined with the Early Preschool (2's) class today. There were two children that were in the Wobblers. There were four EP children. There were three staff working in the EP classroom. One of the Wobblers was too young to be moved up to the EP class as she was only thirteen months old. This was addressed during the visit. Staff moved the Wobblers children to their classroom to correct the ratio violation. The Early Preschool (3's) had six children present. Two staff were working in this class. PTS class had four children present. There were two staff working in this classroom. The PreK and the School Age classrooms weren't open today. Children were observed during child directed activities and staff led activities. Children were playing in centers and doing table activities with staffs' support.

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 two main playgrounds. Turf surfacing is on both playgrounds. There is a large climbing structure on the older children's playground. The toddler playground has two climbing structures. There is a small area for the infants. Monthly playground checks are documented.

The center owns a van that will be used for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The owners have many years of experience in the child care field. The regional director is supporting this center until a director is hired. The center's classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate toys, learning materials and furnishings. The center has security cameras in place in classrooms.

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

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
There was an infant who was thirteen months old in the two year old classroom on the day of the visit.
Kacie reviewed ratio requirements with staff.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room's arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.
There were two classrooms that didn't have sheets on the children's cots on the day of the visit.
Kacie said the center has enough cot sheets. She went over this rule with staff and ensured staff knew where to find cot sheets.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*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.