Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - S Grimes

Provider No.: 52001

Address: 2860 SE Grimes BLVD, Grimes, IA, 50111

County: Polk

Director's Name: Bridgett Smith

On-Site Supervisor: Lizzy Sellner

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HHS Visit Date: 02/10/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2026 to 02/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/28/2024

Comments: Fie inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Johnston/Grimes Fire Dept.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 3

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 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	34	18	62	36	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Yellow Brick Road Early Child Development Center Grimes - South opened in 2021. The center is in a single standing building. The center has a secured entrance. There are several Yellow Brick Road centers in the metro area. The CEO of Yellow Brick Road Early Child Development Centers is Troy Bage. Jamie Balentine is the Regional Director of the center. Bridgett Smith is the Director, beginning in this role officially in the winter of 2021. Bridgett was the On-Site Supervisor, she has her CDA and worked for Tender Years for fourteen years before taking on the role of director. Elizabeth (Lizzy) Sellner is the On-Site Supervisor, beginning in this role in December of 2021. Lizzy worked for Tender Years in for eight years prior to becoming the On-Site Supervisor. The center provides child care for children ages infancy through school age.

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 had schedules posted. Lesson plans were posted in each classroom. Children's art work is displayed on walls. Line Leader is the app used by the center. Classrooms are furnished with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Bridgett and Lizzy assisted with today's visit. Children were observed in classrooms and in the lunch room/entry way today. There are two infant classrooms. Infant room 1 had four infants present. There was one staff working in this room. Infant 2 had eight infants presents. Two staff were working with this group. Wobblers had nine children in attendance. There were two staff working in this room, leaving the room out of ratio. Bridgett and Lizzy were aware of this and said staffing has been very challenging since last week due to illnesses. Management moved a child to another classroom, to get this class in ratio. Exploring Preschool 1 had seventeen children in attendance. There were three staff working in this classroom. Exploring Preschool 2 had twenty two children present. Three

staff were working with this group. PreK 1 had eleven children present. One staff was working this class. School age children weren't present during the visit. Children were observed during child directed play activities, during lunch, during transition time and while resting.

The center has a full kitchen. There is a full time cook. Menus are on an eight week rotation. Menus were reviewed and a few things being served were not compliant with CACFP standards. Lunch served today was pizza, peas, pineapple and milk. Children age one and younger eat in their room, served family style. Older children in the in cafeteria area of the center. Food storage is sufficient to prevent spoilage.

The center's playground has three areas, one area for 1's and 2's, one area for 3's and 4's and one area for preschool and school age children. The playground is enclosed by chain-link fencing. The center has shade structures. There are concrete and grass areas. There is poured rubber for surfacing material. The center completed monthly playground checklists.

Some transportation is provided by the center in multi-passenger vans.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center participates in IQ4K and has a Level 3.

There are many long term staff at the center. The Director has been at the center for 15+years.

The center participates in the WAGES and TEACH Programs.

The center has a website and they send out monthly newsletters with updates every couple of weeks if needed.

The center has a secure entrance.

The center has high enrollment. Their enrollment includes part time, which is a benefit to families.

The director and staff have worked hard to establish and maintain relationships and strong communication with families and children.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required:
The Wobblers (1's) class out of ratio today. There were nine children and two staff in this room. Management was aware of the class being out of ratio. Illnesses was the reason the director said the room was out of ratio. The cook, on site supervisor have been working in classrooms to assist with ratio. This worker review Iowa Code for ratio and that being out of ratio wasn't optional. Management moved a child to another classroom to get that classroom into ratio during the visit.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
Some children's files were missing dental information.

109.10(1): Medications: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
One child's medication authorization sheet was not current, epi pen was expired.

109.11(8)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
If radon mitigation is in place, retesting shall occur at least every two years from initial measurements to confirm radon gas levels are below 4.0 picocurie per liter.

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109.13(1 and 2): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. There are some items being served that are not credible (Pop Tarts, vanilla wafers, fruit snacks)

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

Date: 02/11/2026

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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