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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - West **Enrollment:** 127 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51821

Street: 1300 8th ST #2 **City:** West Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50265 **County:** Polk

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

Director's Name: Brandon Meyers **Phone Number:** 515-223-0008

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

Date(s) of Visit: 09-11-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-02-2022

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

Date Inspected: 02-17-2023

Comments : West Des Moines

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	48	26	98	58	230
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 09-27-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The daycare changed ownership in June 2022 and the name changed to it's current name. 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. Jen Villegas is the regional director of the center. Brandon Meyers is the director of the center. Tasha Versteg is the assistant director.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to DHHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classrooms had schedules and lesson plans posted and/or available. The classrooms have children's art work displayed on walls. Kangaroo Time is the app used by the center The daycare uses Funny Daffer for the learning curriculum.

Brandon, Tasha and Jen were all present at the center today. The center has ten classrooms. Currently, the center has one infant classroom, three Wobblers classrooms (1's), two Exploring PS classrooms (2's), one PS classroom (3/4's), one PreK classroom (4/5's) and one school age class. The school age classroom didn't have children present during today's visit. All classrooms were at or above ratio requirements. Children were observed during child directed play time, lunch time and rest time. Children were playing in interest centers in the classrooms and playing with table toys and table activities. Interactions between staff and children were observed to be positive.

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.

The center has a playground that has fencing in place. There is rubber mulch for surfacing material. Some remodeling was done over the past year to the playground. The center has documented monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The owners have many years of experience in the child care field. The regional director and the director of this center have a lot of experience in child care also.
The center's classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate toys, learning materials and furnishings.
The playground has been remodeled over the past year.

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

109.8(2)e: At least one staff is present in every room where children are resting.If ratio reduced to one staff per room during nap time, does not exceed one hour and ratio in center is still maintained.Ratio in infant rooms is always maintained.

A toddler classroom had dropped ratio during naptime. These children were under the age of two.
This issue was addressed during the visit with the director. The regional director is going to address this and ensure all staff are aware ratio needs to be maintained in all classrooms with infants.

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.
One staff didn't have a physical completed in required time frame.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

The center has used boppy pillows in the infant classrooms. The manufacturers intended use for these devices is not for propping infants. These are loungers and pillow like devices and should not be used in licensed child care programs. The misuse of these pillows has caused injury and even deaths due to suffocation. Jen said the boppy pillows will be removed from the infant classrooms.

*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.