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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - Creekview **Enrollment:** 95 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51999

Street: 2501 SE Creekview DR **City:** Ankeny Iowa **Zip** 50021 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2501 SE Creekview DR, Ankeny, IA, 50021

Director's Name: Enda Schultz **Phone Number:** 515-964-3060

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

Date(s) of Visit: 07-23-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-12-2024

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

Date Inspected: 06-04-2024

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three years; completed by Ankeny FD/Tyson Hood.

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	29	13	44	45	131
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 08-05-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed 7/23/24.. Present for this visit was Director Enda Schultz.

Yellow Brick Road/Crestview and five other centers were purchased in 2022 by Jessica Johnsen and Kylie Schrader. Each site has a director and an assistant director. Enda Schultz is the director for this center. She started working for Tender Years in 1991, became the assistant director in 1994, and was promoted to director in 1998. Mackenzie Carder is the assistant director as of late 2023. Mackenzie has post-high school education and previous child care experience. She meets the requirements.

This center offers traditional child care along with Before and After School programming for children ages six weeks to age 12 from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. The current enrollment is 84. The center has sole occupancy of this building.

All areas of the program were observed: 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 uses the "Funny Daffer" Curriculum and they use the Kangaroo time application to communicate the daily schedule with parents. Each room was observed in ratio with a variety of age/developmentally appropriate centers/toys. The rooms were tidy. The staff were observed to maintain good structure in the classroom and to be responsive to the children in their care. The center uses a combination of soapy water and different mixtures of bleach/water for sanitization.

Nutrition Practices: This center has an on-site kitchen and dedicated staff that prepares meals and snacks, which are served cafeteria-style in the larger area of the center. The children and staff continue to interact during lunch. The center menus reflect they are in-line with CACFP guidelines; the center is not participating in a food program. The kitchen was observed to be clean, with food in the middle of preparation. . Food Storage was organized.

Health and Safety: Medications are stored securely. The center has posted handwashing signs; children and employees were observed utilizing proper hand-washing. The center has ready access to first aid kits; their emergency pla3/27/24. Radon testing was completed in the rooms 6/30/23. This center is tidy and organized.

Playground: The centers play area offers natural and artificial surfaced (rubber mats) areas; along with several age/developmentally appropriate structures. There is natural shade and shade structures. The playground areas are fenced and divided by age levels. The director indicated this center is set to have new pour in place safety surfacing soon.

Transportation/field trips: The center has a 28 passenger bus that is maintained by professional mechanics. The director is involved in transportation for the children attending that are in school, for BASP.

Administrative Practices: The center has posted information for mandatory reporter, offering access to handbooks;

consultant contact, license along with fire/tornado emergency plans and non-smoking signs. Seven child files were reviewed; with 2 missing emergency dentist information and one needing updated physical and immunization records. Five employee files were reviewed; one employee was in need of updated mandatory reporter training; staff physicals need to take place upon hire or 6 months PRIOR to hire.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The staff work well together. The staff are very dedicated to the children and get to know the families very well.

The center has a secure entrance.

The structure of the rooms is set up well to allow for structured play and free play. The staff were consistently observed to be engaged with the children in their care and to maintain good structure in the classrooms.

The center has a website.

Each classroom has a private Facebook page where they post pictures and send out reminders for parents.

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 employee needing updated mandatory reporter training

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(2)b: 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.
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: name/emergency contact information for dentist.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every two years. The Center completed testing on 6/20/23; falling below the 4.0 cuff off.

The menus reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines.

The center director and assistant director were observed to maintain supervisory duties while stepping in at times for breaks/lunches and transportation. The children were observed to have ready access to staff and staff to respond to the children in a nurturing manner.

A new, two-year full license is recommended.

*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.