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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road Early Childhood Development-GMS **Enrollment:** 63 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51828

Street: 1901 N James ST **City:** Grimes Iowa **Zip** 50111 **County:** Polk

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

Director's Name: Alexis Frick **Phone Number:** 515-986-2292

On-Site Supervisor(s): John Flyn **E-Mail:** Alexis.Frick@ybrecdc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-25-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-20-2022

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

Date Inspected: 10-20-2020

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	20	18	56	30	124
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 02-05-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This daycare opened in June 2022. 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. There are security cameras in the classrooms, playgrounds and the entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through preschool age. The center is planning on adding school age children. Alexis Frick is the director of the center. John Flyn is the assistant director.

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. Kangeroo Time is the app used by this daycare.

All areas subject to DHS licensing were reviewed. Alexis assisted with the visit. Jenn Villegas, Regional Director, came to the center during the visit and assisted also.

The infant classroom had five infants present. Two staff were working in this room. The 1's classroom had eight toddlers present. Two staff were working with this age group. The 2's class had nine children present. There were two staff working in this room. The 3's classroom had eighteen children present. Two staff were working with the 3's class. The PreK class had ten children present. One staff was working in this classroom. Children were observed doing child directed play and learning activities and during naptime. Staffs' interactions with the children were observed to be positive.

The center has a full kitchen. There is a cook on staff. The center serves morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a monthly rotation. There were some snacks that didn't have two credible foods being served. This has been addressed and is being corrected.

The center has two playground areas, one playground used children ages six months to two years and other for the older children. The young children's playground has rubber turf for surfacing. The other playground has wood mulch for surfacing. The center completes monthly playground checks. There is fencing around the playgrounds.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center was recently purchased by Kylie Schrader and Jessica Johnson. The owners did some remodeling since taking ownership of the building. The owners have a lot of experience in the child care field. Classrooms are well furnished with

age appropriate supplies and toys.

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

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
Some snacks being served didn't have two food components.
This is being corrected.

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.