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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road ECDC - Altoona

Provider No.: 52696

Address: 907 8th ST SW, Altoona, IA, 50009

County: Polk

Director's Name: Aubrey Dooley

On-Site Supervisor: Maelea Parrott

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HHS Visit Date: 09/18/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2026 to 09/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/29/2026

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 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	28	12	53	24	117
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

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. The director is Aubrey Dooley. Aubrey has been employed with Yellow Brick Road since February 2024. Maelea Parrott is the on site supervisor. She has been employed at this center since December 2024.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Schedules are posted in each classrooms. There were current lesson plans in each classroom. Classrooms are supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and materials. Children's art work is displayed in classrooms. 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. Aubrey assisted with the visit. Some classrooms were combined today.
One infant room had four infants present. The second infant room had three infants present. Each of these rooms had one staff working. The Wobblers (1's) had three children present. One staff was working with these children. The Exploring Preschool 1 and Exploring Preschool 2 were combined. There were eleven children present with two staff working in the classroom. The classroom rosters for these two classrooms were reviewed and these two room had children divided nearly equally with 1's and 2's. There were also children that weren't eighteen months of age in these rooms. This ratio violation was addressed with Aubrey. The Preschool room (3's/4's) had eight children present. There was one staff working with this age group. PreK had ten children in attendance. One staff was working with this class. The school age class had three children arrive towards the end of the visit. There was one staff working with this class. Children were observed in the

classrooms and on the playground today.

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 two vans that are being used for off site field trips and will be used for school transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required:
Children younger than eighteen months old were in the Exploring PS room (2's). The center had two Exploring PS rooms, nearly equally divided with 1's and 2's. Iowa Code states at the age of 18 months can move to a 2 year old classroom if it is developmentally appropriate. The way the center was programming these age groups was not in compliance.

109.9(1)a: All files contain:Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record checkCopy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable.Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.
One staff file was missing a federal record check.

109.9(1)b: 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 file was missing a physical.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

This worker addressed the violations during the visit. Audrey said she was going to redo the classroom rosters for the children ages one and two to become in compliance.

Date: 09/28/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.