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

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: 07-15-2025

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **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: 04-14-2025

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three years; completed by Ankeny FD/ Lt. 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:** 08-03-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed 7-15-25. The director and assistant director were present during the visit.

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 center has sole occupancy of this building; that was designed for the purpose of providing child care.

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. The classrooms were in ratio. Children were observed to be content and teachers to be responsive to children in a nurturing manner while maintaining good structure such as a staff-lead activities or outdoor play. There is a variety of play center and toys in the classroom which also displayed children's art work. Discussion took place with the need to remove crock pots from the infant rooms; on with boiling water (used to help warm bottles). Due to the high temperatures of water in the crock pots; discussion lead to the solution of using warm tap water or replacing with a bottle warmer specifically for this purpose. The crock pots were both immediately removed from the room, the director replacing with a safety option.

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 kitchen was nicely organized and clean; with temperatures documented.

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; . Radon testing was completed 4/14/25 and all levels show below 4.0 safety level. This center has a carbon monoxide detector as required as well.

Playground: The centers play area offers natural and artificial surfaced (rubber mats) areas; which are now new this year; 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 the playground is set for improvements 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 children attending were observed to be content and involved with staff lead activities. The structure in the classrooms was maintained with staff providing nurturing responses.

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 three months of employment):Iowa’s training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions.Certification in 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, (Essentials) approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.

*two new staff did not compete mandatory reporter training within the first three months of employment. The training has since been completed.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
*One staff file did not contain sufficient information that required training hours had been completed.

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.
*two child files were missing emergency dental contact information and one lack 'hospital of choice".

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.Sufficient lighting shall be provided.Sufficient ventilation.Sufficient heating.Sufficient cooling.Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was completed 4/14/25; with levels all below the 4.0 safety cutoff.

The menus reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines.

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*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.