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

Name of Center: Yellow Brick Road Early Childhood Development-NWK **Enrollment:** 139 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51820

Street: 2201 Sunset DR **City:** Norwalk Iowa **Zip** 50211 **County:** Warren

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

Director's Name: Laura Schultz **Phone Number:** 515-981-0089

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** Kylie.Schrader@ybrecdc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-06-2023

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:** 04-02-2022

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

Date Inspected: 07-02-2021

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	40	36	84	54	214
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2002 to 07-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 02-08-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This daycare opened in January 2020. 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 three other daycares in this area and several daycares in Minnesota. 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 school age. Laura Schultz is the director of the center.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to DHS 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. The center uses Funny Daffer for the learning curriculum. Kangaroo Time is the app used by the center.

Laura assisted with the visit. Jenn Villegas, Regional Director, came to the center and also assisted. All classrooms that were in operation were observed today. All classrooms were at or above ratio requirements. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies. Children were observed during child directed play and learning activities. Children were Children were also observed napping and transitioning to naptime. Some children were observed having lunch. Staff in the infant classrooms were on the floor, holding infants and providing close supervision. Staff were observed playing and supporting the children with their activities.

The center has a kitchen and cook. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center isn't able to participate in CACFP but does follow CACFP guidelines according to the menus.

The center has two playgrounds. Both playgrounds have fencing in place. There is an infant/toddler playground. There is turf grass for surfacing material. There are a few climbers and the center has other outdoor toys for the children's use. The second playground is divided in two, an area for preschool and for older children. There is turf grass for surfacing material. There are climbing structures, basketball ball hoops and many outdoor play materials.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center was recent purchased by Kylie Schrader and Jessica Johnson. They own several daycare centers in the Des Moines area and several daycare centers in other states. This building was built for the child care center. There is an indoor large motor play area room in addition to the outdoor playground areas. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate supplies and furnishings.

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

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
The one year classrooms have been decreasing ratio at naptime. Laura stated she did not know this was not allowed in code. This is being corrected immediately.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room's arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
Several classrooms did not have sheets on cots.
This is being addressed as Laura was not aware staff weren't using cots consistently.

109.9(2)g: Any child with allergies, a written emergency plan. Copy shall accompany child if they leave the premises.
One child has allergies and there isn't a current medical emergency plan signed by the parent on file.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

A concerning interaction between a staff member and toddler was observed during the visit. This was brought to the attention of Laura and Jenn immediately.
A toddler was very upset and crying while sitting on a cot. The toddler was told by a staff member "No thank you" in a very harsh manner and was not consoled by anyone. This worker asked what the toddler had done to be told that and the staff stated the toddler had been trying to get off his cot. This staff was told this was the first day the toddler was napping on the cot as he had been napping in a crib previously. This worker addressed this with the staff, stating this was not a discipline type situation. The toddler was clearly having a very hard time adjusting to transitioning and the toddler should be comforted and needed assistance. The other staff in the room went to the toddler and sat beside him and then picked the toddler up. The staff did not say anything to this worker until this worker asked if she was able to hear this worker and she then replied yes.
Laura and Jenn said they would be meeting with the staff member after the visit and addressing this concern.

*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.