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

Name of Center: P.A.C.E.S. **Enrollment:** 111 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46458

Street: 1600 8th St **City:** Perry Iowa **Zip** 50220 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 1600 8th St, Perry, IA, 50220

Director's Name: Mary Hillman **Phone Number:** 515-465-8264

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lila Modlin **E-Mail:** mary.hillman@perry.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 07-21-2020

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 03-05-2020

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

Date Inspected: 10-31-2019

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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	0	0	24	116	140
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2020 to 05-01-2022
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 07-21-2020

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 7/21/20. The director was present throughout the visit and the on-site supervisor for a portion of the visit.

All areas of the program were touched upon. These areas touched upon consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. However, the main focus/topic of this year's visit was to discuss health and safety practices as it pertains to the Coronavirus pandemic.

P.A.C.E.S. is a child care program located in the Perry school that was given permission to open under DHS licensing on 12/21/15. Prior to this date, the center was under the Department of Education's supervision. The center serves children ages Kindergarten through school-age. The center uses their own curriculum in their teaching of children. During the school year, the center is open 6:00am - 8:10am and 3:35pm - 6:00pm. If there is no school, there is no programming. For nine weeks during the summer months, the program is open 6:00am - 6:00pm. The center uses several classrooms as well as the outdoor playground, cafeteria and indoor gym.

The center is overseen by a Board. The director of this program is Mary Hillman. Mary has a BA degree from Iowa State University. Mary has been with this program for a number of years so she has experience working in this field. Lila Modlin is the on-site supervisor of this program. Lila has a BA degree and she has also worked at this program for a number of years.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has many community partnerships and an overall good relationship with the community. (Iowa Public Television, Blank Children's Hospital, United Way, etc. are just a few of the community/'area partnerships)

The center has a good partnership with the school. The center has access to the school nurse, food department, etc.

The center has access to the school gym when weather does not permit outdoor play.

The director has many years of experience working in child care as does the on-site supervisor.

Many forms are also in Spanish because of the high number of Hispanic families served by the center.

The center utilizes walkie-talkies for better communication between different areas of the center.

Several staff attended the center when they were children.

The center sets specific time aside for children to do homework and focus on an enrichment program based on specific themes throughout the year.

The center has wrap around services.

The center has "Friday Fun Night" every Friday afternoon to end the week.

Children's art work was displayed on the" Hall of Pride".

The center has a Facebook page.

The center has again applied for and received several grants within the past year that went towards improvements for the center (i.e. equipment, games, STEM kits, electronic equipment, etc.).

The center participates in 5210 Iowa Healthy Kids Program as well as the program "Girls on the Run".

The director, on-site supervisor, and staff have a good understanding of the new COVID - 19 protocols and have a system in place, and appear to be highly organized around this pandemic or as best as can be organized at this time.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
On the playground, some of the handles to a climbing structure are cracked and need to be replaced or repaired. A few bolts need to be cut/capped on a structure. Finally, although better than in past years, more mulch and pea gravel is needed in the fall zones of structures.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon is due every two years in the preschool classroom and was last completed 3/6/20 - 3/9/20. The radon level came back below the 4.0 cutoff.

The boiler was last inspected 7/2019 so it is again coming due soon.

All center staff fingerprint results should be kept in the director's office in a secure area so that it is readily accessible as needed for the director as well as the DHS licensing consultant just like the other information in staff files (training, certificates, physicals, SING check, etc.).

A new, full, two-year 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.