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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Peck Child Development Center

Provider No.: 16297

Address: 513 E 5th ST N, Newton, IA, 50208

County: Jasper

Director's Name: Ashton Hoffman

On-Site Supervisor: Tammy Schakel

Phone Number: 6417927228

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HHS Visit Date: 09/08/2025

Licensing Period: 08/01/2024 to 08/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/28/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] 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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Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			54		54
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Peck Child Development Center has been in operation since 1972. The center is located in a single standing building. The entrances are secured. The center offers child care services for children ages two through ten years of age. Ashton Hoffman is the director. Ashton started in this role in January 2022. Ashton has a BA in Early Childhood Education. Ashton began working at Peck CDC while in high school and she has worked at the daycare of and off since that time. Tammy Schakel is the on site supervisor. Tammy started in this role in January 2021. Tammy has been with Peck CDC since 2014.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Mandatory postings are in place at the daycare's entrance. Daily schedules are posted outside each classroom door. Each classroom had current lesson plans, "All About Me" posted. Classrooms have developmentally appropriate toys, learning supplies and furnishings in place. There is children's artwork displayed in the hallway and in the classrooms.

The Bear Room, the 2/3's classroom, had ten children present. Two staff were working in this class. The Butterfly Room, the 3/4's class, had fifteen children in attendance. Tammy and one addition staff were working with this class. The Bunny Room, the 4/5's class and Cool Crew, the school age class, had school age children present. There were eighteen school age present today. Ashton and one additional staff were working in this room today. Children were observed in their classrooms today. Children were observed during snack time and during child directed play. Children were also observed during some transition time, as some children were getting up from rest time and were getting ready for snack. Staff were observed assisting children with washing their hands and with toileting. Staff were assisting children with their play activities in the learning centers.

The center has a full kitchen. The center has a cook on staff. Food storage is sufficient. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack is served. Snack served today was cottage cheese, pineapples and water. The center participates in CACFP and menus reflect CACFP requirements are being followed.

The center has a fenced in playground. There is natural and some structure shading in place. There is pea gravel in some areas for surfacing as there is some playground equipment that requires surfacing.

The center owns a van that is used for transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The director and on site supervisor have been employed with Peck for many years. The center has security cameras on the playground, hallways and classrooms. The center works with CCR&R for support and guidance. The preschool has well supplied classrooms.

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3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

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.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

Date: 09/09/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Social Worker IV

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