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

Name of Center: Precious People Preschool Inc **Enrollment:** 51 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7381

Street: 805 N Home Ave **City:** Lenox Iowa **Zip** 50851 **County:** Taylor

Mailing Address: 805 N Home Ave, Lenox, IA, 50851

Director's Name: Kayla Samo **Phone Number:** 641-333-2564

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** preciouspeople50851@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-05-2025

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 04-19-2022

Comments : Date of compliance 4-22-2022.

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: 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	20	44	56	30	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2024 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-16-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Precious People Preschool on 5-5-2025. The center is owned by Precious People Preschool, Inc. and is ran by the board. The center is a very nice large space that was previously an elderly care facility. Kayla Samo became the director on 9-1-2022. Zoey Kahnert and Kristen Brown are the on-site supervisors. Child care, preschool, before and after school care and full day school age summer programming is offered to children six weeks to twelve years of age, Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm. There are 51 children enrolled in the center.

Observation of rooms:
The rooms looked nice and had a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and supplies. There are murals painted on the walls. Four program rooms were observed; Infant room, Toddler one year old room, Toddler two year old room, Preschool age room, the school age children were at school during my licensing visit. The program rooms were in ratio. Three program rooms were playing outside. The program rooms had lesson plans/activities.
The daily sheets looked good, they are on the Playground app.
The center has a library room for the children to enjoy.
Kayla is in ratio in program rooms a lot. Please explore options with your board to allow for you to be spending more time in the office completing administrative duties.

Nutrition:
The center participates in the federal food program. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are served. The center has a cook and they follow a four week menu rotation. The center has a nice kitchen with plenty of storage, and gas stoves. The center utilizes the food bank in Des Moines.
Menus were posted.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing has been completed and all test scores were under a 4.0 pCi/L. Information on radon has been updated, please refer to you handbook for the current radon information and information on frequency of testing.
An annual fuel burning inspection was completed in January 2025.
The center is using Purell Surface for sanitizing and One Step Quaternary cleaner/disinfectant disinfecting -- Kayla said the child care nurse consultant approved this product. Make sure you are using The three step bottles for each sanitizing and disinfecting 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your product for sanitizing and disinfecting.

Playground:
Everything on the playground is at ground level. They are working on the playground adding new rubber surfacing. The monthly playground inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services. The school bus provides transportation for the school age children and

children in the preschool program.

Administrative records:
Child files were read - one child file needed information for the dentist, one child file needed a current physical. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required DHHS information.
Staff files were read - one staff file needed a criminal record check and a physical and one staff file needed a national record check - fingerprinting and a physical. Please review all staff files and have them updated with the required information.
Make sure all staff files have the required record checks completed immediately.
Kayla has worked with Child Care Resource and Referral on a variety of topics.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kayla is very enthusiastic and proud of the program.
Kayla has monthly staff meetings, a quarterly professional development day - this includes training and team building.
The center uses the Playground app.
The center has an active board.
Your center is a wonderful resource for the community.
Grants have been received to make improvements i.e. painting, equipment/supplies, playground updating etc. The center participates in IQ4K level 1 and they will apply for level 2.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Staff files were read - files were missing record checks and some record record checks were expired. Please review all staff files and have them updated with the required criminal record check and the national record checks - fingerprinting.

109.9(1)d: 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.
A staff file needed a physical. Please review all staff files and have them updated with the required information.
Two staff files that were read needed a physical. Please review all staff files and make sure all staff have a physical on the required form.

109.9(2)b: 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.
Information lacking: Child files were read - please review all children's files and have them updated with the required information for the doctor and the dentist. The doctor and dentists name and phone number are required for all children.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Child files were read and one file was missing a physical. Please review all child files and make sure all children under school age has an annual physical and all school age children have an annual statement of health signed by the parent.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 1-1-2024 to 1-1-2026.
Off year licensing visit 5-5-2025.

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Kayla please make a referral to Child Care Resource and Referral for consultation regarding staff files, child files etc.

*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.