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

Name of Center: Paton-Churdan Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 36 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 45818

Street: 606 Adrian St **City:** Churdan Iowa **Zip** 50050 **County:** Greene

Mailing Address: PO Box 125, Churdan, IA, 50050

Director's Name: Morgan Fredrickson and Whitney Minnehan **Phone Number:** 515-389-3129

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** whitneyminnehan@gmail.com mfredrickson@paton-churdan.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 06-07-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 06-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-03-2023

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due 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: 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	16	18	18	18	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 06-07-2023

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 6/7/23. Both directors were present for this visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Paton-Churdan Early Learning Center is a center that was given permission to open on 8/17/15. The center is located right next door to the Paton-Churdan Elementary School. The center serves children ages six weeks in age to roughly 12 years in age using the Creative Learning Curriculum. There are three classrooms. A forth classroom in the building is used strictly by the school.

The center is overseen by a Board. The director of the center is Morgan Fredrickson. Morgan has an AA degree in Applied Arts and has past experience working in child care prior to coming to PCELC. The co-director of the center is Whitney Minnehan. Whitney was previously the on-site supervisor. Whitney has a BA degree and an AA degree.

On the day of the visit, children were observed in a variety of activities that included napping in cribs, having tummy time, being held, engaged in a large-motor activity in a classroom, having sunscreen applied, washing hands, and then two classrooms were observed leaving to go to the town's local library. Classrooms walked to the library, were in ratio, and took first-aid kits with them.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has good community partnerships which includes but is not limited to the school and town's library. The school provides transportation needs as well as lunches to the center.

The center again looked clean and rooms are spacious. Carpets are shampooed at least two times a year.

There is wheel chair accessible entrance.

The center participates in the food program (CACFP).

The center participates in QRS (now called IQ4K). This is a voluntary program based on best practice. The center has begun the process of IQ4K.

There are a lot of tenured staff that work at this center.

Enrollment has again increased for the second year in a row.

The directors are organized and work well together as do other staff per the directors.

The center works regularly with their Family Resource Center representative as well as CCR&R.

The center uses an online app for daily sheets. Parents can check in on their child's activities online at any time their child is in the center.

The center received 100% on their last two annual immunization audits. Staff and child files were also again nicely organized.

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

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips.
All first-aid kits should be labeled. At least one was not upon observation.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area. One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes. Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
Diapering procedures need to be posted by the diapering table in the restroom.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is now due every five years so long as radon levels remain below 4.0. The center last tested for radon in classrooms 3/18/21 - 3/26/21. Radon levels at that time were below the 4.0 cutoff. If radon levels come back 4.0 or higher, retesting is needed as well as a mitigation plan. The center would then also move back to testing every two years at least temporarily.

The annual furnace inspection was last inspected 11/16/22.

The center will contract with the school district and take a bus for transportation needs that are not within walking distance.

IQ4K and I-Power were again discussed at the visit.

Like last year, it is again recommended that the center reduce some of their infant containers they have in the infant room.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The application and payment were sent in on 6/7/23 after the visit concluded. This year's visit was earlier than usual compared to past years as the center is an August/Sept - visit/license for most years.

*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.