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

Name of Center: PRESBY Child Care Program Inc. **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49748

Street: 1323 4th St **City:** Perry Iowa **Zip** 50220 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 1323 4th St , Perry, IA, 50220

Director's Name: Nicole Thelen **Phone Number:** 515-465-5918

On-Site Supervisor(s): Korey Hensel **E-Mail:** presbychildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-20-2024

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:** 06-05-2024

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

Date Inspected: 03-06-2024

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	8	17	11	13	49
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 06-21-2024

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 6/20/24. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the 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.

PRESBY Childcare Center is a center in Perry, IA that was given permission to open on 4/16/18. The center is open year-round and serves children roughly six weeks in age through 12 years in age. The center utilizes the Creative Learning Curriculum in their teachings along with a Bible based theme. Classroom capacities are as follows:

Infant room: 8
18mo – 2yr: 8
2yr old room: 9
PreK: 11
New room (school-age): 13

The center is overseen by a Board. The center director is Nicole Thelen. Nicole has a BA degree in Elementary and Special Education and has past experience working in child care. The on-site supervisor is now Korey Hensel. Korey has past experience working in child care and has taken a number of professional development courses to meet requirements for on-site supervisor.

During the visit, some infant children were napping in cribs and some were awake and engaged in various activities. School-age children were awake and playing with the learning stations made available to them. All other children in classrooms were napping.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Enrollment has again increased within the past year indicating a need in the community.

The center offers lower rates to families and increased pay for staff.

There is a secure entrance into the building.

The center uses the Bright Wheel application for daily sheets and other center information parents would like/need to know.

The center partners with Hy-Vee for meals to be delivered that they serve to children part of the time. Other times, the center employs a cook to serve snacks.

The center was clean.

The Board of Directors are reportedly supportive. Staff reportedly work well together and there is a real sense of being a team. There is a good mix of tenured and new staff.

The playground is nicely shaded. The center has added an above ground garden within the past year and trying to grow some of their own vegetables.

The center has been working on IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

There is new lounge area for staff when on breaks.

The center has purchased a van over the past year.

The center has added a new classroom within the past year.

Staff and children's files were nicely organized as were inspection report files.

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

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.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: All children enrolled, regardless of age, need to have listed a doctor and a dentist.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. There was a dangling cord to a CD player that needs to be more securely fastened to the wall and/or tucked behind a cabinet. This was in the Pre-K classroom.
2. Cleaning supplies and products were in an unlocked, lower cabinet in the restroom off of the fellowship hall. Children sometimes use this restroom. These cleaners need to be moved to a more inaccessible area and/or the lower cabinet locked.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
There were a couple of snack items that were not credible per CACFP requirements. At least two credible food items need to be served for snacks.

109.8(1)e: Staff persons under age 18 who are not under supervision of adult shall only provide care to school aged children.
Two staff members in the Pre-K room were both 17 years old. One staff member at least 18 years of age was needed. THIS ISSUE WAS CORRECTED DURING THE VISIT.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last conducted 6/21/22 - 6/23/22. The main, open area was tested and came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Going forward all classrooms will need to be tested. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual furnace/boiler inspection was last completed in 4/2024 and expires in 4/2025.

The center purchased a van over the past year. Drivers have their chauffer's licenses. Regular maintenance is performed on the van. The center will also occasionally bring in agencies for presentations to children.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. It appears all staff have I - Power profiles and training is being uploaded. The center should continue to upload training.

A thermometer was needed in the kitchen freezer.

Staff should be aware of the amount of light in classrooms to make sure it is sufficient to see children at all times during nap time.

It is recommended their be separate monthly fire and tornado drill forms for school-age children now that the center serves school-age children.

It is recommended the one Emergency Preparedness kit be switched over to a suitcase on wheels.

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.