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

Name of Center: Precious People Preschool Inc **Enrollment:** 57 **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: 07-19-2023

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: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 07-26-2023

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 7-19-2023. 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, she was previously working at the center. The previous director Mary Berry left the center in 8-2022. Heather Ammons is the on-site supervisor. 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 57 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. New murals have been painted at the center. Five program rooms were observed; Infant room, Toddler one year old room, Toddler two year old room, Preschool age room and School age room. All program rooms were in ratio. The children were playing and having nap time. The school age children have a fun activity of planting and maintaining a garden. Staff use walkie talkie to communicate with each other in the building.
The daily sheets looked good, they are on the Playground app.
The center has the weekly themes and staff in each program room prepares their lesson plans/activities. Heather Ammons reviews the lesson plans/activities. Please review and train staff on preparing lesson plan/activities. Some program rooms lesson plans/activities need more detailed information.
The center has a library room for the children to enjoy.
The center has a waiting list.

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 is needed. The last radon testing was completed in April 2021, all scores were under a 4.0 pCi/L. .
If your building has fuel burning appliance you will need an annual fuel burning inspection - refer to rule 109.11(7)C for information.
The center is using Purell Surface for sanitizing and Microcide TB for disinfecting. 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.
The center is in the process of updating their handbooks, the board is helping Kayla update them. Make sure you have emergency policies/procedures and emergency preparedness planning. Please refer to your handbook for rule 109.10(15)a Written emergency plans for fire, tornado, flood(if susceptible), intruders in center, intoxicated parents, lost or abducted children, blizzards, power failure, bomb threats, chemical spills, earthquakes or disasters that could result in structural

damage or health hazards.

Playground:
The center has a couple outdoor play areas, the center doesn't have equipment over 18 inches that would require surfacing. They have toys and riding toys with helmets. The center has talked about adding equipment. The monthly playground safety checks were completed.
Mary stated she has thrown away broken toys.

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 and were in good order. All child files registration packets will be updated in August 2023. An annual physical isn't required for school age children, you can use the annual statement of health signed by the parent.
Staff files were read - some need the criminal record check and one staff file needed a physical, staff physicals must be on the required DHHS form. Review all staff files and have them updated with the required information.
Kayla has been working with Child Care Resource and Referral on a variety of topics.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kayla became the director in September 2023, she has been doing a great job learning the DHHS rules. she is very positive and enthusiastic about the program.
The center looks fun and has new murals that were painted in May 2023.
Kayla is updating the center handbooks, including emergency policies and procedures with help from the board.
Kayla has a quarterly professional development day, this includes a staff meeting, training and team building.
The center began using the Playground app in January 2023.
The center has an active board.
Your center is a wonderful resource for the community.
The center has participated in fundraising events and have received grants.
The center will be applying for level 1on the IQ4K program.

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.
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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.
Staff files were read - one staff file needed a physical, staff physicals must be on the required DHHS form. Review all staff files and have them updated with the required information.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
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Please send me a email by August 11, 2023 and let me know how the items listed above have been corrected.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 1-1-2022 to 1-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 7-19-2023.

*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.