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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: P.A.C.E.S.

Provider No.: 46458

Address: 1600 8th St, Perry, IA, 50220

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Lila Modlin

On-Site Supervisor: N/A.

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HHS Visit Date: 04/09/2026

Licensing Period: 05/01/2026 to 05/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/07/2025

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years per licensing regulations.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] 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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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	24	140	164
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 4/9/26. The new director was present throughout this inspection.

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 (not close up due to rain storm), field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

P.A.C.E.S. is a child care program located in the Perry school that was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) licensing on 12/21/15. Prior to this date, the center was under the Department of Education's supervision. The center serves children ages Kindergarten through school-age. The center uses their own curriculum in their teaching of children. During the school year, the center is open 6:00am - 8:05am and 2:50pm - 6:00pm. If there is no school, there is no programming. For nine weeks during the summer months, the program is open 6:00am - 6:00pm. The center uses several classrooms (capacity 24 Room 222; capacity 24 Room 220; capacity 24 Room 219 (not used this year); capacity 43 Room 429; capacity 34 Room 435; capacity 24 Room 352; capacity 24 room 323) as well as the outdoor playground, cafeteria and indoor gym.

The center is overseen by a Board. The director of this program as of 7/1/25 is now Lila Modlin. Lila was previously the on-site supervisor. Lila has a BA degree and has worked at this program for many years. There is not currently a new on-site supervisor, but this is being explored.

During the inspection, children were observed in a variety of activities. In some classrooms, children were doing art work with markers and paint. In a couple of other classrooms, children were reading books. In another classroom, the Perry

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Library was visiting and doing a presentation for children. Toys, tables, sleeping mats, etc. are all being cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected daily. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

NUTRITION: The center serves children breakfast, lunch, and a PM snack throughout the entire year. The school provides the meals to the center year-round. Food is stored in the school kitchen and all food storage was sufficient. Children eat meals in their classrooms and/or the cafeteria. The food menu rotates every few weeks.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center has access to school bus drivers and take school buses to different destinations.

PLAYGROUND: The center utilizes the school playground. There are climbing structures, blacktop area, and grassy areas. Monthly playground inspections are being conducted.

For more difficult child behaviors, the center emphasizes communication between staff, staff and children, as well as staff and parents. Staff make an attempt to get to know their families. There are lead staff meetings and assistant staff meetings monthly to review all monthly classroom activities and practices.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has many community partnerships and an overall good relationship with the community. (Blank Children's Hospital, United Way, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, local fire department, local police department, local library, and etc. are just a few of the community/'area partnerships).

The center is closed for several days throughout the year so staff can get professional development training completed and other certifications.

The center has a good partnership with the school. The center has access to the school nurse, food department, principal, teachers, principal, etc. The center is also active in Board meetings.

The center has access to the school gym when weather does not permit outdoor play.

The new director has many years of experience working in child care (going on 20 + years).

Many center forms are also in Spanish because of the high number of Hispanic families served by the center. There are also bilingual staff who work at this center.

The center utilizes walkie-talkies for better communication between different areas of the center.

Several staff attended the center when they were children. There are several currently enrolled children where there are different generations of people (their parents) who have attended the center in the past. There are several tenured staff who work at this program and have for many years.

The center sets specific time aside for all children to do homework and focus on an enrichment program based on specific themes throughout the year. Many of the things the center does are related to and involving STEM practice.

The center has wrap around services.

The center has "Friday Fun Night" every Friday afternoon to end the week.

Children's art work was displayed on the" Hall of Pride".

The center has a Facebook page.

The center has again applied for and received several grants within the past year that went towards improvements for the

center (i.e. equipment, games, STEM kits, electronic equipment, etc.). The director is highly involved in grant writing and has been for many years, applying for and receiving grants to continuously keep the program not only open, but current with the times.

The center participates in 5210 Iowa Healthy Kids Program as well as Girls on the Run.

For field trips, staff and children were like shirts to make them more easily identifiable.

Monthly staff meetings are held.

Over the past year, new playground equipment has been installed.

Enrollment remains steady, indicating a need in the community.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)b: 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.
One staff is past due for another physical.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
One staff person is roughly two weeks past due for re-certification in Mandatory Reporter.

109.9(2)e: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.
Two child files were left blank in this category when reviewing children files.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing was last completed 2/16/24 - 2/19/24. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. 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 boiler inspection expires in 12/2026.

I-Power was discussed at the visit. Staff will need to be uploading their training certificates into their I - Power profiles (and continue to keep hard copies as well for now). If any staff are no longer employed at the center, they should be unlinked from the center profile.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

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Date: 04/10/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.