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

Name of Center: NICC Child Development Center-Peosta **Enrollment:** 87 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19210

Street: 8342 NICC DR **City:** Peosta Iowa **Zip** 52068 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 8342 NICC DR, Peosta, IA, 52068

Director's Name: Ann Ludwig Shelley Roling **Phone Number:** 563-556-0801

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** ludwiga@nicc.edu, rolings@nicc.edu

Date(s) of Visit: 01-29-2025

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: 02-08-2023

Comments :

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other 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	21	18	49	15	103
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-30-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 1/29/25. The center's co-directors are Ann Ludwig and Shelley Roling. Both were present present along with other staff. Both directors are highly qualified having been with this center and managed it well for many years along with ongoing training completed over those years. This center is owned and operated by the Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). It is governed by the college's board of directors. The center serves children age four weeks to eight years (school age second grade). The center operates out of its own one level building located on the college campus. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center includes the following program rooms: Infant I (zero to 12 months); Infant II (12 to 23 months); Toddlers (two to three years), Preschool I (three to four years); Preschool II (four to five years); and School Age Room. Program rooms generally included accessible materials to support programming needs. The preschool rooms were set up in an interest centers format. Program rooms included many developmentally appropriate postings and displays of the children's crafts/projects. The rooms are arranged around a central area referred to by the center as the Middle/Commons Area. This area is typically used in the mornings for children for a short period of time and then throughout the day children travel from their program rooms, one group at a time, to use the area. The area provides a nice break out space for more large motor and dramatic play type of activities. All program rooms (with the exception of Infant I) included adjacent restroom areas and all program rooms include sinks (child and adult level) located within the program rooms. Diapering stations were observed in program rooms where diapering activities take place.

The center uses the college library and labs and technology building located on campus for field trips. School age children also use the campus computer labs from time to time. The director states all of these trips are treated as field trips and follow field trip requirements.

The center participates in the CACFP. Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack are all prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. Parents are charged an extra fee for meals. The kitchen area continues to be highly organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center continues to be managed by two experienced and highly qualified directors who work very well together. This center continues to be NAEYC accredited. The center has also achieved level three IQ4K through 3/2026. The center is bright with plenty of windows throughout, and some windows are also at the children's level so children can observe what is happening outside of their room. The center includes a nice supply of materials in all program rooms, and materials are well maintained. Program rooms included many postings at the children's level including photo postings of the children engaged in activities and children's projects and crafts. Staff were again observed to be highly engaged with the children throughout the center. The staff appear to work well together. Since the last licensing visit, the center has had a kitchen remodel with new flooring and appliances. New tables and chairs have been added to the program rooms for age toddler and up. Files and licensing documentation were again found to be highly organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.7(1) All staff (within first three months of employment): • Two hours of approved training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse within three months of employment. • At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. • Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. • Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. • Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have first aid training completed.

109.10(7): Staff hand washing: The center shall ensure staff demonstrate clean personal hygiene. Staff shall wash hands: After diapering a child.
1. Ensure staff treat each standing diaper change separately including hand washing between diaper changes, and staff wash hands after cleaning the diaper station before proceeding further with any other activity.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Ensure staff physical is always documented on the required form.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violations and concerns noted in the report so that corrections are obvious. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.