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

Name of Center: NICC Child Development Center-Peosta **Enrollment:** 88 **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: 02-06-2023

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: 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: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2022 to 04-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 02-28-2023

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 2/6/23. The center's co-directors, Ann Ludwig and Shelley Roling, were both present along with other staff. Both directors are highly qualified and have been with this center for many 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 two and older 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 by the kitchen/cook staff. 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 a four star QRS rating through 2/28/24. 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. The program works with the local AEA for support services for children who need them and also participates regularly in the AEA program of borrowing materials to enhance program activities. Child files were again found to be highly organized.

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

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medications present without current completed medication authorization.

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. Wet bottles observed put back together and away in the cabinet in the infant room. All items should be allowed to air dry. Dishes (including infant bottles and bottle parts) should not be put away until completely air-dried.
2. Drawer with items that could be choking hazards accessible in the infant 1 and infant 2 rooms.

109.12(5)b: Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
1. Review diaper changing procedures as they are posted. Staff shall remove the gloves before handling the clean diaper to put it on and redress the child.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Current fire inspection certificate received 3/20/23. Report can be completed.

1. Paper towel dispenser is needed in the kitchen area so that all paper towels can be used from a dispenser.
2. Emergency plan postings in the school age room need to include the center name/address/phone number and phone numbers for police/fire/poison control.
3. Ensure current activity plans are always posted for each room and where they are highly visible to parents.
4. Ensure sanitary procedures for standing diaper changes. Provide a paper barrier for children to stand on and to set materials on when they need to remove shoes and clothing during this type of diaper change.
5. Ensure rocking chair is not placed in the exit door pathway in the infant 2 room.
6. Improve organization of the licensing binder and staff files.

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.