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

Name of Center: Precious People Preschool Inc **Enrollment:** 62 **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: 04-30-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 1

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

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 06-24-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Precious People Preschool on 4-30-2024. 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. Zoey Kahnert and Kristen Brown are the on-site supervisors. 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 62 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. There are murals painted on the walls. 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 having playing and having snack time. The program rooms have the same theme with age appropriate lesson plans/activities. One room needed lesson plans/activities, please train staff on preparing lesson plan/activities. Move diaper bags so they aren't accessible to children.
The daily sheets looked good, they are on the Playground app.
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 was done in January 2024, a couple rooms needed re tested and Kayla said those the test kits were sent in February 2024. Send me and email and let me know what the test results are for the rooms that were re tested.
An annual fuel burning inspection is needed because you have fuel burning appliances - 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.
Employee handbooks were updated in December 2023 and the parent handbooks were updated in August 2023. 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:
Everything on the playground is at ground level. A new fence was installed in April 2024. They have a mud kitchen, bikes/helmets, shade- canopy, the playhouses were destroyed by a storm, a rose bush was removed. A grant was received to help buy equipment. The monthly playground inspections were completed.

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.
Staff files were read and were in good order.
Kayla has worked with Child Care Resource and Referral on a variety of topics.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kayla is very enthusiastic and proud of the program. She is very organized and helpful during my visits.
Kayla has a quarterly professional development day, this includes a staff meeting, training and team building.
The center uses the Playground app.
The center has an active board.
Your center is a wonderful resource for the community.
Grants have been received to make improvements i.e. new flooring, gliding rockers, playground fence, equipment including new helmets, compressor walk in cooler. received grants for participated in fundraising events and have received grants.
Staff have received bonuses.
The center participates in IQ4K level 1.

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

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
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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.
One room needed lesson plans/activities, please review all program rooms weekly lesson plans/activities. Please review and train staff on preparing lesson plan/activities.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 1-1-2024 to 1-1-2026.

*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.