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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: PRESBY Child Care Program Inc.

Provider No.: 49748

Address: 1323 4th St, Perry, IA, 50220

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Nicole Thelen

On-Site Supervisor: Micaela Martinez

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HHS Visit Date: 10/01/2025

Licensing Period: 07/01/2024 to 07/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/30/2025

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years. An inspection was finalized on 9/30/25 for the new additional renovated space upstairs.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [X] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	28	11	12	13	64
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

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An off-year inspection visit was conducted on 6/10/25. The director was present throughout the visit.

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, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

PRESBY Childcare Center is a center in Perry, IA that was given permission to open on 4/16/18. The center is open year-round and serves children roughly six weeks in age through 12 years in age. The center utilizes the Creative Learning Curriculum in their teachings along with a Bible based theme. Classroom capacities are as follows as of 10/1/25 addendum:

Infant room: 16
16mo – 2yr: 12
2yr - 3yr old room: 11
PreK room: 12
School age room: 13

It was also noted that the center will expand to include classrooms on the upper level as well once construction is completed and the Fire Marshal inspector approves the space. An addendum will be completed to the center license at that time.

The center is overseen by a Board. The center director is Nicole Thelen. Nicole has a BA degree in Elementary and Special Education and has past experience working in child care. The on-site supervisor is now Micaela Martinez. Micaela has past experience working in child care and has taken a number of training hours to meet requirements.

During the visit, one child was napping in a crib. One infant child was being held by a staff member. Other infants were engaged in free-choice play with another staff member. School-age children were observed outside on the playground and then later in free-choice play. All other children were napping on cots at the time of the inspection visit. School - age children and also staff gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. Children also discussed appropriate times to wash their hands while at the program.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Enrollment has again increased within the past year indicating a need in the community.

The center offers lower rates to families and increased pay for staff.

There is a secure entrance into the building.

The center uses the Bright Wheel application for daily sheets and other center information parents would like/need to know.

The center partners with Hy-Vee for meals to be delivered that they serve to children part of the time.

The center was clean.

The Board of Directors are reportedly supportive. Staff reportedly work well together and there is a real sense of being a team. There is a good mix of tenured and new staff.

The playground is nicely shaded. The center has added an outdoor shed over the past year.

The center also now has a large indoor space to play when weather doesn't permit outdoor play.

The center works with CCR&R and their nurse consultant on a regular basis.

There is a lounge area for staff when on breaks.

Staff and children's files were nicely organized as were inspection report files.

The center has several good community supports.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: All children enrolled in the center, regardless of age, need to have listed a doctor and a dentist. The information required are the names, addresses, and phone numbers. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

109.9(2)c: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.
For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 0
Number invalid: 1

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.

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109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room's arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

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Radon testing was last conducted 6/21/22 - 6/23/22. The main, open area was tested and came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Going forward all classrooms will need to be tested (including the new classrooms that will be added in the near future). 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 annual furnace/boiler inspection on file was last completed in 4/2024 and expires in 4/2025 so it is outdated.

The center purchased a van in 2024. Drivers have their chauffer's licenses. Regular maintenance is performed on the van. School -age and preschool children are eligible to go on field trips using the van. The center will also occasionally bring in agencies for presentations to children.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. It appears all staff have I - Power profiles and training is being uploaded. The center should continue to upload training. Any former staff should be unlinked from the center. The director stated she has had conversations with CCR&R to get started on IQ4K.

As mentioned at last year's inspection visit, it is recommended their be separate monthly fire and tornado drill forms for school-age children now that the center serves school-age children.

The CACFP smart phone food app was shared with the director during the inspection. This has information on credible foods vs not credible foods as well as sample menues and other information. Sample food menus were also emailed to the center after the visit concluded.

It is recommended outdoor playground mats be purchased and placed at the bottom of the two slides. This will help preserve wood chip depth and surfacing.

As a reminder for the younger child playground, six foot fall zones are needed for the two portable Little Tyke slides.

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Children should have sunscreen applied at this time of year based on the UV Ray Index website. Staff should utilize and review this website daily.

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Date: 10/01/2025

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**.