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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Precious Lamb Childcare/Preschool

Provider No.: 52600

Address: 327 35th ST NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52402

County: Linn

Director's Name: Chris Edgerton

On-Site Supervisor: Vickie Wellik

Phone Number: 3192004382

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HHS Visit Date: 11/13/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2024 to 12/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/18/2024

Comments:

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	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	10	14	21	5	50
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Precious Lambs Childcare/Preschool (PLCP) is a non-profit ministry of The Good Shepherd Baptist Church and is governed by a board that includes Pastor Josh Westall. PLCP received permission to open on 8/19/2024 and has been operating since that time.

Since commencing operations, Chris Edgerton has been in the director role. Ms. Edgerton has a MA degree in education, a plethora of experience working with children and continues to participate in annual professional development. On-site supervisor is Vicki Wellik. Ms. Wellik has been in the on-site supervisor role since October 2025. Ms. Wellik has an early childhood education diploma, a plethora of experience working with children and continues to participate in annual professional development.

On the day of the monitoring visit, Pastor Westall discussed how since the last review the church's ministries have expanded to not only include the DHHS licensed PLCP but to also include The Shepherd's Cupboard and Closet as well as Haiti orphanage supports. Management also talked about replacing some outdoor tricycle merry-go-round seats and about PLCP's newly established on-site family lending library. On 11/13/2025, program space was observed. Primary programming continues to occur in multiple age-defined classrooms. The building has sufficient restrooms and hand washing sinks to accommodate capacity. The area of study throughout the classrooms was observed to include the fall season, owls, the state of Idaho and the Bible. Evidence of previous days' curriculum was found to be nicely displayed throughout the program space in the form of child accomplishments (e.g. owl art). Curriculum on the day of the monitoring visit allowed for a variety of play experiences designed to pique child interest as well as encourage social emotional growth, innovation and child choice. On 11/13/2025, staff were observed to be in ratio and actively engaged with the children in a variety of activities that included infant cares, carrying out curriculum, food rituals, large gross motor activities, nap time

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preparations and routine transitions. Children appeared comfortable with staff and to be enjoying the day.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The mission of PLCP is "...to create a safe and loving environment for children to learn, grow, and become exactly who God designed them to be..."

PLCP has established the following website for families and the community to learn more about the program: https://www.preciouslambscr.com/.

PLCP's owners, board and management team (e.g. The Good Shepard Baptist Church, their board, Ms. Edgerton, Pastor Westall, Ms. Wellik) are invested in nurturing the community's children and supporting families. PLCP's owners, board and management team continue to familiarize themselves with licensed childcare rules and regulations as well as continue to expand and develop systems of organization to help ensure administrative items are completed and maintained as required. PLCP continues to also have their own written policies and procedures which are regularly reviewed and updated as needed. On 11/13/2025, management discussed continuing to build a seasoned, reliable great team of employees who enjoy working with children, are creative and who support their mission. A display to celebrate an "Employee of the Month" was observed!

As of 11/13/2025, PLCP was again found to be maintaining the required postings, maintaining parent-program information centers, utilizing technological communication resources, and offering family programming activities. According to the written handbook curriculum "…integrates a range of genres that captivate students' interests while remaining rigorously aligned with the Iowa State standards…" It was noteworthy that on the day of the monitoring visit, the 4yo classroom was observed to have "Fridge Notes-Newsletter" posted highlighting classroom curriculum and events! Ms. Edgerton talked about how the curriculum continues to also incorporate teacher inspired ideas, social skills, enrichments, kindergarten readiness, guest speaker events and seasonal/holiday celebrations.

PLCP has policies and procedures including those for safety, daily health checks, hand washing, diapering, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting. On the day of this monitoring visit, management and various classroom staff discussed how they maintain programming space that is sanitary and hazard free each day. Management reported also having support from The Good Shepard Baptist Church and their board as to daily operations, daily conditions and building-grounds maintenance.

PLCP continues to have emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place. While this is a new program, they have successfully navigated through repeated technology outages (7/19/24 global technology outage, 10/10/2025 AWS outage, 10/29/2025 Microsoft outage).

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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

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.
- A staff file reviewed (AB hired April 2025) lacked documentation of federal record check results, current mandatory child abuse reporter training and a current physical exam on required form 470-5152.

109.9(2)i Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
- Two child files reviewed (DMT, DJT) lacked documentation of current physical exam and certificate of immunizations.

109.9(2)k Any child with special health needs, a written emergency plan. Copy shall accompany child if they leave the premises.
- One child file reviewed (DJT) indicated a special health need but did not contain a written medical emergency plan as well as possible required medications related to special health need.

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- One child's (AZ) prescribed medication related to special health emergency plan was found to be expired.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

All cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products shall be properly labeled with name of product and instructions of use including dwell time. Chemicals shall be readily available for staff to use yet inaccessible to children and stored away from foods.

In the large gross motor room, please permanently resolve the lack of storage area doors and discontinue using the table as a barrier. Please also remove or make inaccessible to the children the adult sized stacked chairs.

Please review rule 109.11(8)a. On the day of the monitoring visit, the building exterior was showing some areas of dilapidated paint. Pastor Westall discussed a plan of repair to be completed in spring 2026.

Continue to maintain the seed-berry-bearing outdoor trees to help prevent any ingestion.

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The program's license remains in full status. Thank you for the visits.

Date: 12/02/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons

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**.