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

Name of Center: Pee Wee Paws **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51958

Street: 155 3rd ST NE **City:** Primghar Iowa **Zip** 51245 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: PO Box 638, Paullina, IA, 51046

Director's Name: Nancy Stoll **Phone Number:** 712-957-3755

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** nstoll@soswolverines.org
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Date(s) of Visit: 01-06-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-24-2022

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 08-24-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit Non-Profit X NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age
Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-06-2022 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 01-11-2023

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

Program has information that needs to be corrected ASAP or no later than 02-28-23(see all aspects that fall below standards).

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 01-06-23 and spoke with Nancy Stoll, Director. A delay in the visit was due to inclement weather to where the program was closed for several days coming off of being closed for Christmas vacation. Ms Stoll has an elementary education degree. She has several years of experience working with children. Pee Wee Paws Preschool is located in the So. O'brien Elementary School. It opened this year on 09-06-22 for 3 year olds preschool. Classes are 8:15 to 11:30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays for 3 year olds. The program follows the So Obrien school year calendar as well as for any weather related closures.

The program has 16 children enrolled. The preschool has the following centers for the children throughout the room: sand table, train area, writing, art, puzzle/game, math, science, reading, blocks, toys, kitchen, legos and dress-up area. During this visit observed the children participating in the following activities: center activities, snack, free play (during this time children can explore the various centers throughout the room), and staff reading stories to the children. The program has an sufficient amount toys for the children to access. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Children have access to bathroom and sink. Displayed throughout the room were the colors, shapes, animals, numbers, helper list and the alphabet. Picture schedule for the children. Very colorful room and a variety of centers throughout the room. Observed the staff sitting at tables with the children, assisting children with activities, talking to the children throughout the day. Staff had good interaction with the children throughout the program. The program partners with the ELS classroom and a couple of their children will come into the room for socialization along with their para.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
The program gets their snacks from the school. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Refrigerator is clean, however, needs a thermometer to ensure appropriate temperature. Nutritious snacks are given to the children.

Center Health & Safety
Center does not administer medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon test is scheduled in February 2023 and annual heating inspection are complete. Cleaning products need to be put up to ensure good sanitary procedures are being followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

Center Playground
Center has a fenced -in playground next to the school which they share with the ESL room and the 4 year old preschool program. Shredded rubber is used on the playground for surfacing. They have a cement riding track for the tricycles. The center has trikes, helmets, & toys.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The preschool would utilize the schools bus for any field trips (pumpkin patch, various places in town). Parent permission forms are completed for
children who leave the center for field trips.

Center Administrative Records
All the required postings were visible with the exception of mandatory reporting(form was emailed to director to post). The center's discipline practices consist of talking to the children, verbal reminders and redirecting.

Goals of the program: to get on the IQ4K program, to acquire more toys/activities, more storage, continue to improve the program and help the school learn more about Early Childhood program.

Strengths of the program: Staff work well as a team and have a good relationship with the children and families they serve. Also have great support from the school. The 3 year old preschool program works well with the ESL and 4 year old preschool program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

The classroom is well organized.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

Positive interaction with the children

The program uses see saw app to communicate with their families.

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

109.4(4): Requirements and procedures for mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse shall be posted where they can be read by staff and parents.
Form emailed to director to post.

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
Number not in compliance: 2
Form emailed to director to have all staff complete.

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 2
Directions was email to director to get this completed as it had been given to principle who is currently out.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1

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 dental: 5
Information lacking: Information was missing

109.9(2)d: All files contain parent authorization of the persons to whom the child may be released.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and

outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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.
All cleaning products need to be kept out of reach of children.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
Form emailed to director.

109.15(5)a: Sufficient refrigeration is provided appropriate to perishable food.
Additional concerns: Thermometer needs to be in the refrigerator to ensure proper temperature.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Director needs to email consultant by 02-28-23 confirming that all items that fall below standard have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.