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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Perry Creek

Provider No.: 47700

Address: 3601 Country Club BLVD, Sioux City, IA, 51104

County: Woodbury

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews

On-Site Supervisor: Prairie Gorden

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HHS Visit Date: 10/10/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/20/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				297	297
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit on 10/10/25 to the Beyond the Bell Program at Perry Creek Elementary School. I was able to speak with Prairie Gordon who is the on-site supervisor and has 16 years' experience working at this program.

The Beyond the Bell program operates Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The program serves preschool, transitional kindergarten (TK), and school-age children. Access to the program is controlled by a buzzer entry system. Staff meet families and visitors at the door to allow entry.

The program has an enrollment of 65 children. At the time of the visit, 16 children were present. Although more students arrived throughout my visit.

All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of lunchroom/gym, observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Children participate in center activities upon arrival until approximately 7:30 a.m. They may then choose to continue center activities or move to the gym. Around 7:55 a.m., children who wish to eat school breakfast line up to eat and then return to the gym. Children are dismissed to their classroom at approximately 8:25 a.m.
Children are divided into four age groups: Preschool/TK, Kindergarten, Grades 1–2, and Grades 3–5. These groups rotate through the gym, lunchroom, and computer room throughout the afternoon.

Preschoolers attend only in the afternoon and are transported from Clark Elementary School by bus. The program serves children from Perry Creek and Clark Elementary Schools.
Center-based activities are rotated daily. Materials are stored in labeled totes and set up throughout the lunchroom.

Breakfast, snacks, and milk are provided by the Sioux City School District and follow CACFP nutrition guidelines.

Medication is stored in a locked box or out of children's reach. There is one child with asthma and the appropriate documentation included in the first aid kit which was observed and appeared complete to treat minor injuries.

The center uses Sioux City School System buses for transportation.

The program was found to be organized and well-supervised. Staff were observed engaging positively with children and providing a variety of activities that support social and emotional development.

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The Beyond the Bell program goal is to continue to strive to provide a positive, safe, and structured environment that encourages children to develop friendships, work cooperatively, and demonstrate respect and responsibility

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

There is an opportunity for homework assistance from classroom teachers.

The employees of this program or longstanding and committed to care for the children in their care.

Staff were engaged in activities with children, organizing activities and assisting with crafts and games.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(4)b: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

109.11(8)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.

109.11(8)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.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Program will need to email consultant confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected by 12/30/25. It is also recommended to update the licensing binder and incorporate radon and furnace inspections.

Please enter all training including CPR/First Aid and mandatory reporting into IPOWER.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

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

Date: 10/10/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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**.