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

Name of Center: PRESBY Child Care Program Inc. **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49748

Street: 1323 4th St **City:** Perry Iowa **Zip** 50220 **County:** Dallas

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

Director's Name: Nicole Thelen **Phone Number:** 515-465-5918

On-Site Supervisor(s): Autumn Hiddleson **E-Mail:** presbychildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-05-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-17-2022

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

Date Inspected: 03-03-2021

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years. The center will be due for another inspection in 3/2024. The new addition was approved on 1/4/24.

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	8	17	11	13	49
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2022 to 07-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 01-05-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An addendum is being made to the center license to increase capacity to 49 children. The center has added an addition to their existing building. Capacity of classrooms are:

Infant room: 8
18mo – 2yr: 8
2yr old room: 9
PreK: 11
New room: 13

Below is the report from the visit to the center on 6/19/23:
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An off-year visit was conducted on 6/19/23. The director was present throughout the entire visit and the on-site supervisor for a portion of the visit. The director's supervisor was also present for a portion of 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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

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 five years in age. The center plans to add school-age children in the future if there is a need in the community. The center utilizes the Creative Learning Curriculum in their teachings along with a Bible based theme. There are three classrooms and then an open, middle area that is also used. Capacity of rooms are 8 (infants), 10 (two year old), 9 (three year old), and 12 (four/five year old). The center also plans to expand in the future and add another classroom.

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 as of 9/2022 is now Autumn Hiddleson. Autumn has past experience working in child care and has taken a number of professional development courses to meet requirements for on-site supervisor.

During the visit, almost all of the children were napping in classrooms as this consultant visited during nap time. One infant child was being held by a staff member. Staff were observed sitting on the floors near napping children and helping them get to sleep.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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 a local diner for meals to be delivered that they serve to children part of the time. Other times, the center employs a cook to serve snacks.

The center was clean.

The director stated she had a supportive Board of Directors. 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.

Part of the playground area has been renovated over the past year for a specific area for younger children. The playground is nicely shaded.

The center is in the beginning process of pursuing IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

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

109.4(5): Child Care Centers and Preschool Licensing Standards and Procedures shall be available in the center and a notice stating a copy is available for review. Contact information of the child care consultant shall be included in the notice.
This consultant's posting was not present on the day of the visit.

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 new staff person did not yet have a physical.

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips.
All first-aid kits need to be labeled as such.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
A few monthly fire and tornado drills were not documented. The center was using two sometimes three different forms the past two years which appeared to make things confusing.

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.
A few bolts along the fence line to the newer playground area need to be cut and/or capped so that no more than two threads are exposed.

109.12(4): 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.
When being stored, children's bedding should not be touching other children's bedding. THIS ISSUE WAS BEING CORRECTED DURING THE VISIT.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
Fruits and vegetables served each day also need to be listed on the food menu. THE FOOD MENU AND CACFP IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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. Because the radon levels were below the 4.0 cutoff, radon testing in all classrooms can move to at least every five years so long as those levels remain below 4.0. In 2027, if radon levels in classrooms come back 4.0 or higher, retesting and mitigation plan will be needed and the center would move back down to again testing every two years at least temporarily.

The annual furnace/boiler inspection was last completed in 4/2023 and expires in 4/2024.

The center goes on walking field trips only. They will also occasionally bring in agencies for presentations to children.

As mentioned at last year's visit, staff should be more specific when writing incident/accident reports in regards to exact location of injury and treatment, if any, was provided.

It is again recommended that staff files be organized directly per the staff tracking sheet.

This consultant's contact posting was emailed to the center after the visit concluded.

Monthly fire and tornado drills logs were emailed to the center after the visit concluded.

The monthly playground inspection form was emailed to the center after the visit concluded.

The CACFP smart phone app was presented during the visit.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

*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.