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

Name of Center: PRESBY Child Care Program Inc. **Enrollment:** 44 **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): Micaela Martinez **E-Mail:** presbychildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-10-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-05-2024

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

Date Inspected: 03-06-2024

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

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 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 06-11-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

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:

Infant room: 8
18mo – 2yr: 8
2yr old room: 9
PreK: 11
New room (school-age): 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.

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 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.

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

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
One child file was past due for an annual update.

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 child is past due for an annual physical. This was the same child in need of an annual update.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 0
Number invalid: 1 immunization record observed was not signed/dated.

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
There were several expired medications observed. Also, children under two years of age should not be given Tylenol unless there is also a doctor's authorization as stated on the medication bottles.

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.
This was missing on the day of the visit.

109.12(4): Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.
Children napping on cots also have to have a sheet on the cot.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
There were several snack food items on the monthly calendar that did not meet CACFP guidelines. THIS 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 (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.

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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*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.