Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jennifer Harmison

Provider Name: Jennifer Harmison

Provider No.: 41275

Address: 814 W Clinton AVE, Indianola, IA, 50125

E-Mail:

County: Warren

Phone Number: 5157203157

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 9/2/2026

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [X] Registered Child Development Home B
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home C
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home C1
- [ ] Non Registered Child Care Homes accepting CCA

Program Population Served:

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

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1. Basic Overview

Jennifer Harmison has been providing childcare services since 2013. She has a category B childcare home and she has assistance from a substitute or assistant if it is needed. She reported she usually is not over eight children in care. There were seven children in care at the time of the compliance visit. Most of the children were in the process of picking up the playroom as the provider was getting lunch ready to serve. The children were very inquisitive with compliance staff. They readily showed compliance staff what they like to play with. Puzzles, legos, books, and many other options. The provider also has busy boxes that she has for after rest time for children to play with. These activities help fill in the time when they cannot go outside right now with the intensive heat.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff observed the provider with the children in her care. The provider was attentive to all the needs of the children. The children easily approached the provider during the visit.

When a child started acting out, the provider maintained a calm but firm voice with directions for the child. The child struggled to follow the directions, the provider then had the child come and stay near her. She reported that she would be asking the child to explain what they did and why the action is not okay.

The provider likes to get the children outside so they can get all the wiggles out. Sometimes they will watch a Danny Go video to help with the wiggles too. She believes in free play for most of the time the children are with her. She will have crafts occasionally, but most activities are child-led.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
110.9 (4) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.

**When looking at child files, some were missing updated physical information and possibly updated immunization information. The provider reported talking with parents about receiving needed updates, but some files are still missing these requests. I encouraged the provider to keep working with the families to get the updates. Child files will be reviewed again at the next compliance visit.

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

5. Special Notes/recommendations

2026 targeted compliance measure: Emergency Preparedness Plan. The provider has a completed EP plan that identifies planned actions for evacuation, shelter in place, lockdown, communication and reunification. The plan also addresses continuity of care in the event of a disaster at the location of the childcare.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 9/8/2026

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations.

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 Kelly Phelps 515-802-7292