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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Ellyn Holzhuter

Provider Name: Ellyn Holzhuter

Provider No.: 51751

Address: 9958 Ginger Ridge , Dubuque, IA, 52001

E-Mail:

County: Dubuque

Phone Number: 5635813441

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 8/20/2026

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:

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

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1. Basic Overview

Ellyn has been providing child care for approximately 1 year now. Ellyn accepts children aged six weeks through 5 years of age. Ellyn is available for care Mondays through Fridays from approximately 6:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Ellyn does not currently have any openings in her child development home. Ellyn provides a home child care setting that includes pre school based curriculum for children in care. Ellyn incorporates STEM activities regularly in her day to day learning activities.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Ellyn believes her greatest strengths in working with children include patience and providing regular daily structure. Ellyn is a participant in the CACFP food program for child care providers. Ellyn also utilizes the Playground App for providers which is an electronic program that allows providers to maintain electronic files for children in care. Ellyn's environment is safe and offers children a large variety of age appropriate activities for children of all ages. This worker observed a 'back to school bash' on the day of the annual visit. The library was there for a short program. The kids were looking forward to some water activities and a fun-filled afternoon. Ellyn is aware of rules and regulations and seeks assistance when needed, Most recently Ellyn applied for and received an Exception to Policy that allowed her to have one additional child under the age of two in care.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) g : Has not less than one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
110.9 (2) c : Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within six months of employment.

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

Ellyn needs a sign on the cabinet where her fire extinguisher is stored.
Ellyn's assistant Erik needs Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter training.

Ellyn will send verification of the above items to Kathy by 10/5/2026. Items can be emailed to kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov or texted to 563-949-6971.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Targeted case compliance of Emergency Preparedness Plan completed. Plan remains accurate and up to date.

6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: Ellyn texted Kathy Huinker on 8/22/2026. The text included pictures of the sign for the door where the fire extinguisher is stored as well as Erik's mandatory child abuse reporter completed certificate. Erik completed the training on 8/22/2206. Ellyn is fully compliant with regulations for her child development home at this time. Nothing further is required.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 8/28/2026

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Kathy Huinker Date: 8/21/2026

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 Child Care Resource & Referral of Northeast Iowa 2728 Asbury Road, #215 Dubuque, IA 52001 563-557-1628