Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Janet Simmons

Provider Name: Janet Simmons

Provider No.: 23521

Address: 16385 190Th ST, Monticello, IA, 52310

E-Mail:

County: Jones

Phone Number: 3194656904

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 6/4/2026

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)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Janet has been a registered childcare provider since 2003. She shared that she began providing childcare in 1997. Janet is not a participant of the IQ4K quality rating system. She does participate in the Food Program. Janet shared that she is willing to care for children ages 2 and up. Janet has 2 main rooms in the home that she utilizes for childcare. Both rooms are set up specific for childcare. She has a large, fenced in outdoor play space for the children that has several play structures, swings and riding toys for the children. Janet does have a bird and an aquarium. She resides out in the country and also has chickens, but they are fenced in separate from the children's outdoor space. Janet does have one individual approved as an assistant, but she reported she does not utilize her.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Janete had 7 children in care on this date. She was with the children outside when this worker arrived. This worker first did a compliance visit for her sister on the same property as Janet and the children continued to play outside. She has a great outdoor play area for the children, and she noted that they play outside often. This worker spoke briefly with the children as they were coming inside, and they seem to really enjoy the outdoor space. Janet has a great variety of toys and activities for the children indoors as well. She has a couple of different rooms set up in the home specific for childcare. This worker did talk with the children a bit while Janet was preparing lunch and they talked about some of their favorite things to play with. Janet had books, puzzles, blocks, and crafts for the children as well as trucks and other toys and activities. The children also talked of exercise videos they will watch and participate in when they can't get outdoors.

Janet had her documentation in folders in a binder, so this worker was able to easily review her documentation while she prepared lunch for the children. Janet did prepare a well-balanced lunch.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) p : The provider has written policies about caring for mildly ill children and the exclusion of children due to illness, and informs parents of policies.
110.8 (1) q : The provider has written policies about responding to health-related emergencies.
Janet could not locate either of these required policies.
*Janet needs to locate or develop the above 2 policies and send pictorial verification of compliance to this HHS worker.

Assistant:
110.9 (2) a : Documentation from the Department confirming record checks have been completed and authorizing or limiting the person's involvement with childcare.
Janet could not locate the letter approving Abigail as her assistant.
*Janet should try to locate this documentation and keep it with her other records for future compliance verification.

110.9 (2) b : Within six months of approval, a Physical exam report documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, which is repeated at least every three years.
Janet did not have a provider physical exam for her assistant Abigail. Janet did share that she is not using Abigail as an assistant as she does not go over her allotted number of children.
*If Janet plans to keep Abigail on her documentation as an assistant, she needs to obtain an appropriate physical exam for her.
If Janet does not plan to utilize Abigail as an assistant, she should contact the Registration unit to have her taken off her application.

Chldren's files:
110.9 (4) d : For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.
For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian or admission physical examination that is not more than 12 months from the child's first day.
110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
Janet did not have an initial physical or updated physicals for any of the children in care.
*Janet needs to work with the parents to obtain physical exams for all of the children in care. (and any other required documentation for the children's files)

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (6/25/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.
Please send pictorial verification of compliance of the items where specifically noted above to christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov or text to 319-429-0749.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Janet shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Janet shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool and rarely uses any other type of water play.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Category B provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Janet was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
As of 7/1/25 providers are expected to notify all parents in writing that the state does allow parents to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. We did discuss this and Janet agreed to get that documented accordingly.

Janet does have one approved assistant, Abigail. She reported that she really does not use her but might utilize her sister Julie as a "helper". Julie has a separate registered childcare of her own that is attached to Janet's space. This worker did note that Julie is not listed as an approved assistant or substitute for her so if she does plan to use her as an assistant, she needs to get her added to her application accordingly.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 6/5/2026

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 I encourage you to work with Alicia Wagner with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Alicia Wagner can be reached at 319-538-8464