Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jordan Merchant

Provider Name: Jordan Merchant

Provider No.: 51447

Address: 1207 W 16th ST , Vinton, IA, 52349

E-Mail:

County: Benton

Phone Number: 3192135107

[ ] Pre-Inspection Date:

[ ] Approval Date:

[X] Annual Visit Date: 10/1/2025

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

1. Basic Overview

Jordan became a registered in- home childcare provider in June of 2021. Jordan did report that she has 2 years of childcare experience in a center and 3 years prior experience working in another home prior to opening her own home childcare in 2021. Jordan does not participate in the IQ4K quality rating system and does not participate in the Food Program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

This worker did observe Jordan appropriately re-direct the children when needed.
The children presented as very comfortable in her care.
Jordan's files were nicely organized so this worker was able to review her documentation while she continued to care for the children.

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Jordan had more policies than the minimum policies that are required.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (3) a : All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials are secured from access by a child.
Jordan did have some chemicals/cleaners in her bathroom cabinet that were not secured.
*Jordan needs to either move the chemicals so they are not in reach of the children or secure the cabinet with a latch.
Jordan does need to send pictorial verification to this worker.

110.9 (1) b : Documentation from the Department confirming record checks have been completed and authorizing or limiting the person's involvement with child care.
Jordan could not locate her current document approving who can reside in the home.
*Jordan needs to try to locate that document and keep it with her other documentation for future compliance verification.

110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
Jordan was missing an updated/annual physical for one of the children in care.
*Jordan should work with the parents to obtain any missing documentation for her children's files.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 30 days and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.
Please send pictorial verification of the items where specifically noted above to christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov or text to 319-429-0749.

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
Jordan does not transport the children.
Jordan shared she does not use a swimming pool but does use water tables and/or sprinklers for water play.
Jordan recently did remodeling of the home. There are some areas that are blocked off at this time. The yard is largely dirt at this time, but they plan to lay seed, and she does still have appropriate outdoor space for the children to play.

Recommendations:
Jordan had written policies for ill children and health emergencies, but she did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying parents in writing that they are able to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. This is a new policy effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly.

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6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: Jordan's annual compliance check was completed on 10/1/25. There were a few regulations that she was out of compliance with, and she needed to send pictorial verification of one item.

  Jordan did send pictorial verification of the item requested on 10/13/25.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 10/14/2025

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 10/1/2025

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 Rachel Bonefas with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Rachel can be reached at 563-362-8225