Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Smart Kinder Care, Inc

Provider Name: Smart Kinder Care, Inc

Provider No.: 46102

Address: 50 NE Fox Run TRL, Waukee, IA, 50263

E-Mail:

County: Dallas

Phone Number: 5153339210

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 4/30/2026

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home B
- [X] 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
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

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1. Basic Overview

Jeanne Scheele and Angi Scheele have been working together for 20 years in childcare services. They worked 10 years in Germany and moved to the US and have now been in the Waukee area for 10 years. Prior to working together, both had years of experience working with children in other areas. The experience that children have in this program is unique as the providers actively teach the children in English and German. The day has a general schedule they follow that includes periods of independent play, some structured activity time, circle time, preschool time, meals and nap time. Their program starts at the beginning of August and they end at the last part of May, generally following the local school schedule. The program also has a weekly theme for teaching and activities. This week is rainbows. The care location is on the lower level of the home. The care area includes a large room with a second room used for meal times and some structured activities. The areas are set up as stations for the independent play times. Children can pick out a fun or favorite thing to play. There are books and puzzles available. The providers reported that they work with children on puzzles. Once a child can put a small puzzle together, they will give the next size puzzle to the child to put together. One thing they are proud of is that most of their preschool aged children can put a 100 piece puzzle together. One child is on 200 piece puzzles. The providers have a diligent rotation of toys and books to keep items fresh for the children throughout the time they are in their care. They also like to go out on walks in the neighborhood or play in the backyard.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff observed both providers with the children during the visit. The providers give a calm and stable learning environment for the children. It is not overly loud in the home as the children are playing with their desired toy or project.

The providers strongly believe in helping the child find independence. Like tying shoes or using the correct utensils for eating. They reported they work hard to ensure that the children they have in their care are ready for a large group in Kindergarten or sometimes a preschool setting.

The providers have the children recite a pledge or two daily. One pledge is about kindness and the other is about self-respect. The children recited these for compliance staff during the visit. Even the youngest child in the program was saying some of the words and using some of the hand gestures.

The children practice these skills in this environment. As one child stood up, they knocked over a bowl of toys. Immediately two or three other children walked over to help their friend clean it all up. These are all positive skills for children to learn and then use in life.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

The providers were in full compliance with regulation standards.

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: 5/1/2026

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 Lindsey Donahue 515-201-2143