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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Marcela Cardenas

Provider Name: Marcela Cardenas

Provider No.: 52072

Address: 1627 E Lacona Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50320

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5154162749

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 9/3/2025

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:

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

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1. Basic Overview

Marcela Cardenas has been a category "B" provider since February 2023. Marcela is a Spanish speaking provider. She accepts all ages of children in her Child Development Home. Marcela's son is listed as an assistant to her program. Marcela does not have any pets in the home. Marcela recently moved to a different home and the home was approved for care after a Change of Address Pre-inspection conducted on 9/3/2025. She renewed her registration in February 2025.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Marcela's physical area for providing care is dedicated to providing care in her Child Development Home. She has educational materials on the walls and has educational materials for the children in her care to interact with during their time at the CDH. Marcela's structures her days as possible depending on the ages of the children in the program. She is very organized evidenced by her paperwork and schedule. Marcela participates with the Food Program and children in her care receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate. Marcela uses processing behaviors and redirection as her main behavior modification if needed. She does not use Corporal punishment in the Child Development Home. There is a large backyard space where the children can play. Marcela has completed Safe Sleep training and implements the policy in her Child Development Home.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Within six months of becoming registered, children 18 years of age or younger residing in the household must have:Admission physical exam report.Immunization certificate.For school age: Documentation of physical exam completed at time of school enrollment or since that time.
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.
110.9 (2) c : Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within six months of employment.

1. Daniel needs to get his DHHS Medical Physical Form completed, and he is listed as an assistant, so he needs his Mandatory Reporting completed also.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage you to work with your Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Roxana Sixtos 515-202-1310) with any training or compliance efforts.

The above correction needs to be completed by 11/5/2025 and will be reviewed on your next annual compliance check.

If you have any questions regarding this compliance letter please contact me at 515-601-9469 or jake.aringdale@hhs.iowa.gov.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Jake Aringdale Date: 9/5/2025

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