Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Messy Memories, LLC

Provider Name: Messy Memories, LLC

Provider No.: 46958

Address: PO BOX 256, Collins, IA, 50055

E-Mail:

County: Story

Phone Number: 3195730337

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 9/21/2026

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

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1. Basic Overview

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Stephanie Smith on 9/21/2026. Stephanie has been involved with child care for 11 years. She continues using the lower level only of her ranch style home. Stephanie has an egress window and step system to serve as a second exit. Stephanie had 6 countable children present during our visit and has 10 total in care at this time. She has no HHS-approved substitutes or assistants at this time. Stephanie has one cat, and needs to find/obtain a current vet statement to have on file. She has a fenced back yard for an outside play area and is due to renew her registration effective 2/29/2028.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Stephanie is an IQ4K Level 1 provider showing a commitment to excellence in her program. She uses the Playground application for many aspects of her operation. Stephanie described her strengths as being a good communicator with the parents and being organized. She stated, "I'm a planner". Her curriculum has lots of free play and zero screen time. She has a young group of children at this time. Her activities include lots of learning time. She was leading a circle time talking about the calendar and singing during our visit. The kids have lots of outside time as weather allows. Stephanie participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her snacks and meals.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites.
Form 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate, is on file.
- Stephanie could not find the vet statement for her cat and needs to obtain one for her file using the State form she has a copy of.

110.9(1)b(1): "Certification by an approved trainer/organization in infant and child first aid and CPR."
- Stephanie's CPR/First Aid recently expired and needs to be renewed.

Both corrections need to be in place by 12/15/2026 and will be reviewed during her next visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

The 2026 targeted compliance for the Emergency Preparedness Plan was conducted. Stephanie was in compliance having a plan consistent with her current operation.

I encourage Stephanie to work with Cassie Strickler from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Cassie can be reached at: (515) 782-3688

Stephanie has one infant under 12 months of age in care who was not present during the time of our visit. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 10/1/2026

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