Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tara Bryant & Amanda Hoover

Provider Name: Tara Bryant & Amanda Hoover

Provider No.: 24929

Address: 2015 Southbrook DR, Ely, IA, 52227

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3194042189

[ ] Pre-Inspection Date:

[ ] Approval Date:

[X] Annual Visit Date: 6/10/2026

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:

[X] Infant(0<24 mos)

[X] Toddler

[X] PreSchool

[ ] School Age

[ ] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Tara and Amanda have been registered childcare providers since 2006. They are not a part of the IQ4K rating system. They do not participate in the food program. They are open to caring for children from the ages of infant to Kindergarten. Tara only utilizes the lower level of her home for childcare, and it is set up specifically to accommodate the children and allow for a variety of play area and a variety of activities. Tara has a good size back yard that is nicely maintained and offered play structures for the children. Tara does have one dog that does not interact with the children. Tara and Amanda are co-providers. They do not have an assistant and substitute.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Tara and Amanda had 13 children present when this worker arrived. They have 14 children enrolled. The children were

playing in various areas of the play space with a variety of activities. Tara only uses the lower level of her home for care, and she has a very nice set up with a variety of play areas and activities for the children. Tara and Amanda described that they have monthly themes, they offer free play, center time, circle time, crafts and this worker observed a lot of activities for the children who kept busy with a variety of activities while I was present. This worker did observe Tara to appropriately verbally redirect a child.

Tara's handbook/policies were nicely written and thorough. She had much more than the two required policies. Her files for each child were organized into folders, so this worker was able to review her documentation while she continued to supervise and interact with the children.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)a. Number for each child's parent, a person who can be reached when the parent cannot and child's physician is written on paper and readily accessible by the working telephone.
Tara had an index card for the children but needs to add a few additional children for a complete list of those currently enrolled.
*Tara and Amanda will ensure they have the above information for each child, written and easily accessible.

110.8 (1) g : Has not less than one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
The fire extinguisher on the main level needed to be re-charged. Tara did show this worker that she had ordered a new one online and it is expected to be delivered today.
*Tara will need to send pictorial verification of her new fire extinguisher to this worker.

110.8 (4) b : Procedures are in place for:
Evacuation to safely leave the facility,
Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation,
Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where the child is when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue,
Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation,
Communication and reunification with families,
Continuity of operations, and
Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.
Tara had an EPP but she needs to update it with her relocation area.
*Tara will need to update her EPP and send pictorial verification to this worker.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 7/1/26) 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.

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:
Tara and Amanda do not transport the childcare children.
Tara shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a water table, sprinkler or splash pad for other 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 C provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Tara did have an EPP but needs to add her relocation site to the written plan and send pictorial verification to this HHS worker.
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 Tara agreed to get that documented accordingly.

6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: As of 6/12/26 Tara sent pictorial verification of compliance of the items requested.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 6/16/2026

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 6/10/2026

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 Ravyn Phelps with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Ravyn Phelps can be reached at 563-594-9683