Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: LITTLE PEOPLES CHILDCARE & EXPLORATORY

Provider Name: LITTLE PEOPLES CHILDCARE & EXPLORATORY

Provider No.: 32494

Address: 306 N Franklin AVE, Ames, IA, 50014

E-Mail:

County: Story

Phone Number: 3192499527

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 5/29/2026

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 LaDonya Chaney on 5/29/2026. LaDonya has been involved in child care for 11 years. She is currently using both the main and basement level of her ranch style home. Her primary space for outside child care kids is the basement level which has a walk-up 2nd exit. LaDonya had one outside child present during our visit. She is hoping to complete some home improvement projects this summer and plans to increase her numbers this fall. She sometimes watches 2 dogs for her adult children and needs to obtain current vet statements for them to have on file. She has an open back yard that serves as her outside play area. LaDonya currently has no HHS-approved substitutes or assistants. She just renewed her registration last month.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

LaDonya currently has very low numbers and is able to provide lots of attention to the children. She describes her strengths as "lots of patience" and her abilities in teaching/educating the children. LaDonya designs her curriculum to provide an environment for lots of learning. She has multiple learning stations and activities spread throughout the basement level. These include activities for letters, numbers, and reading. LaDonya said she really enjoys exploring science with the kids and uses some internet curriculum platforms that offer a variety of activities. She tries to include a theme for a new letter each week. The children have regular outside time as weather allows.

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.
- LaDonya watches 2 dogs that belong to her adult children on a part time basis. She needs to obtain a current vet statement for the 2 dogs to have on file. These need to be completed using the State form I shared a copy of and need to be renewed every year.

The pet statements need to be in place by 7/31/2026 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. LaDonya was in compliance having a plan consistent with her current operation.

I encourage LaDonya to work with Christa Jergens from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Christa can be reached at: (515) 201-7203

LaDonya had no infants under 12 months of age in care during our visit, but has one 7 month old grandchild she cares for part time. She has pack-n-plays for sleeping, and we reviewed safe infant sleeping policies.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 5/29/2026

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