Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Bertha Johnson

Provider Name: Bertha Johnson

Provider No.: 21655

Address: 521 Fowler ST, Waterloo, IA, 50703

E-Mail:

County: Black Hawk

Phone Number: 3198830363

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 8/7/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

Bertha was initially approved as a Registered childcare provider in 2009. She reported that she provided care for a few years then took a break and was again approved in 2027. She reported that she did provide childcare as an unregulated provider for years prior to that. Bertha has taken another break from childcare and has not had any children enrolled in her care since 2023 but she does want to keep her Registration open. She shared that she is not interested in caring for infants but is willing to take all other age groups. She has considered setting up childcare in a home she owns across the street or fixing up her basement again to do care in that location. We also discussed the options of doing childcare with her daughter as co-providers. Bertha did present as excited about the possibilities of resuming childcare and talked of her love for children in general. Most recently Bertha has only used the main level of her home for childcare. Her lower level does have an egress window but is not currently set up accordingly for using that space for childcare. Bertha has a large side yard and her side and front are fenced but the back part of the yard near the alley is not fenced. She does have good space outside for outdoor

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play. Bertha does not have any pets. Bertha does not currently have an approved substitute or assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Bertha has not had any children in her care for about 3 years, so this worker was not able to observe interactions between her and the children. However, she did talk of her love for children and as we talked, she presented as quite excited about the idea of resuming care in the future. She talked of things he used to do with the children which included her being very interactive with the children and offering a variety of activities. Despite not having children in care for a few years, she still maintained the appropriate smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and the other safety items in the home were still in place.

Bertha's documentation was all organized into a binder for easy review.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

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.
Bertha did have an emergency preparedness plan, but we did make a few adjustments to it while I was present. (clarified her relocation area, and she no longer has a stroller or wagon for assisting with getting young children away from the home in an emergency. Her vehicle also does not hold as many children as her old vehicle in the event of an emergency)

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections were made on the date of this compliance visit.

If you have questions, you may contact me at 319-429-0749 or via email at christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov

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:
Bertha shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Bertha shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool.
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 B provider.
Children's files were not reviewed on this date as she does not have children in care. However, we did review the required documentation, and she is aware of and has the appropriate forms available.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. As noted above Bertha did need to make a few changes to her EPP but those were made while this worker was present. She is now in compliance with her EPP.

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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 at last year's annual check and she did add language to her policies while this worker was present. She now needs to ensure that her updated policies are provided to all the parents accordingly (if and when she resumes childcare).

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 8/7/2026

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 Black Hawk County Child Care Resource and referral at 319-233-0804 if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.