Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Sarah Horn

Provider Name: Sarah Horn

Provider No.: 40138

Address: 2922 270th ST, Winthrop, IA, 50682

E-Mail:

County: Buchanan

Phone Number: 3193340931

[X] Pre-Inspection Date: 5/28/2026

[ ] Approval Date:

[ ] Annual Visit Date:

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

1. Basic Overview

Sarah initially became a Registered childcare provider in 2012. She did report that she was an assistant in her mother's childcare for six years. She closed in 2025 and worked in the school system for a period of time. At this time, she is getting re-registered for childcare in her home. Sarah is not a participant of the IQ4K quality rating system. As she is getting re-registered she does plan get re-registered with the Food Program. Sarah will provide childcare on the main level of her home only. She does reside outside of town on a gravel road. Currently her yard is not fenced in, but she did report she plans to fence off an area where the children can play. She does have outdoor space for the children. Sarah has 2 dogs and she does have chickens. She shared that the chickens do not roam and are not in the area where the children would play. We did discuss that the childcare children are not allowed to eat the chicken eggs s they have not been inspected. Sarah's husband and her mother are both approved as assistants and substitutes.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Sarah does not yet have any children enrolled as she is just re-applying to be Registered again. Sarah has been a childcare provider in the past for many years and is aware of the Regulations. Although not required at the time of a Pre-inspection, Sarah does still have some written policies. She also already had physicals for herself, her assistant/substitute and household members and this is not required at the time of a Pre-inspection.

Sarah does have appropriate toys and activities for children to include things for both small and large motor skills.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)n. 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.
Sarah did not have her annual pet exams for the 2 dogs at the time of the Pre-inspection. She did report they had both been to the vet on 5/26 and she was awaiting the pet exam form from the Vet.
*Sarah did send pictorial verification of the annual pet exam to this worker later this same date. As of 5/28/26 her Pre-insepction is approved.

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:
Sarah shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Sarah shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool for the childcare children. Seh might use a sprinkler or water table for other water play. Sarah does plan to put up an above ground pool for her own children. We did discuss the safety precautions, fencing and expectations that go along with having a pool in childcare.
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.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Sarah was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
Sarah did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying 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. This is a new expectation for providers effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber 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 I encourage you to work with Lisa Wood with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Lisa Wood can be reached at 319-334-5900