Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jennifer Fisher

Provider Name: Jennifer Fisher

Provider No.: 51071

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County: Benton

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- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 4/8/2026

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:

- [X] Infant(0<24 mos)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Jennifer became a Registered childcare provider in 2020. She does not participate in the IQ4K quality rating system. She does not participate in the Food Program. Jennier shared that she is willing to care for children ages infant to Kindergarten. She reported that she does not care for school-aged children. Jennifer is only approved to use the main level of her home for childcare. She does not use her upper level or lower level for childcare. She currently has only 2 children enrolled and does have appropriate space for them. She does have a large fenced in back yard and a large deck that the children also play on. She had a lot of play structures and riding toys for the children. Jennifer does have 2 dogs and 2 cats. They do interact with the children in care. Jennifer's husband is an approved assistant and substitute.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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On this date Jennifer only had one infant in care (11 months). The baby was enjoying some floor time when this worker arrived. Jennifer did provide the baby a snack while this worker was present and then some toys while the baby sat in the highchair.
Jennifer does have a variety of toys for the childcare children. She described that they like to go outside if the weather is nice but also participate in crafts and art activities. She shared that they participate in in dancing along to the TV if they are not able to go outside. She did state that she typically reads to the children before nap time.

Jennifer's files were organized into folders and a file box for easy review for compliance. Jennifer handed the documentation to this worker and then proceeded to tend to the baby appropriately while this worker was present.

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.
Jennifer did not have this documentation. This worker did provide her a form to use for documentation purposes.
*Jennifer needs to ensure that she has a written list of children, parental contact, emergency contact and the physician written on paper and easily accessible.

110.8(1)h. Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Jennifer did not have documentation of monthly testing of smoke detectors. This worker did provide her a form she can use for documentation purposes, or she can use the form she currently has where she documents fire and tornado drills, but she needs to document the monthly testing of smoke detectors as well.

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.
Jennifer has 2 dogs and 2 cats.
Bella (dog) did have a current pet exam but not on the appropriate form. The other dog did have the appropriate documentation
The 2 cats had an expired pet exam.
*Jennifer needs to obtain current pet exams for the animals that need an update and they need to be documented on the approved HHS form.

110.8 (3) a : All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials are secured from access by a child.
Jennifer had several medication bottles on top of the microwave in the kitchen that would be accessible to children. She did move those while this worker was present.
*Jennifer needs to ensure that she keeps all medicines and toxic/unsafe materials out of the reach of children.

110.8(4)a. Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.
Jennier did have some documentation for this but had not documented a tornado drill for last month.

110.9(1)a. Within six months of becoming registered, children 18 years of age or younger residing in the household must have:
Admission physical exam report.
Immunization certificate.
For school age: Documentation of physical exam completed at time of school enrollment or since that time.
Jennifer did have physicals and immunization records for her children but did not have them for a couple of the foster children in the home. She does plan to obtain those for her records.

110.9 (4) Children's files: an individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.
Jennifer did have a file for the 2 kids currently enrolled but had not been updated annually.
*Jennifer needs to ensure that parents review/update the files annually and sign and date accordingly.

110.9(4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
One of the children had a physical from January of 2024.
*Jennifer needs to work with the parents to ensure she has the required documentation in each child's file.

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A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 4/29/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

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:
Jennifer shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Jennifer used to have an above ground pool, but it was taken down at this time. The structure was still laying in the yard. Her fencing had blown down last year, so a safety plan had been developed to ensure the children were not using that part of the yard. The pool is now down but needs to be taken out of the yard. Jennifer shared that she does not plan to replace it at this time. If she does replace the pool, she is aware of the fencing that needs to be in place. The childcare children did not use the pool. She did share that she might use a sprinkler 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 B provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Jennifer 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:
Jennifer 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.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 4/9/2026

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 Janey Schmitt with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Janey Schmitt can be reached at 563-286-0694