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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Melanie Buckner

Provider Name: Melanie Buckner

Provider No.: 18563

Address: 100 Railroad St, Calamus, IA, 52729

E-Mail:

County: Clinton

Phone Number: 5632211134

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 6/8/2026

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:

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

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1. Basic Overview

Melanie has been a registered child care provider since 2001. Melanie accepts children aged infant through school aged and is available for care Mondays through Fridays. Melanie provides care from 5:00am - 5:00 pm. Melanie describes her child development home as 'like a home' and 'this is our family'. Melanie reports she treats day care children as she does her own children. Melanie has a BA in Elementary Education. Melanie provides preschool during the school and does some preschool activities during the summer including circle time, stories, age appropriate work books, themed activities, crafts, and regular outdoor time. Melanie has two of her sons approved as assistants as well as her husband.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Melanie believes her greatest strength is incorporating the school or educational component into her child care setting. Melanie also communicates regularly with parents. Melanie reports she excels in dealing with difficult child behaviors. Melanie is organized and maintains her paperwork in binders making it easy to locate needed compliance items each year. Melanie's home is appropriate and contains a wide variety of toys for all ages and stages of development. Melanie has a large back yard with an assortment of outdoor play equipment. Melanie has a small fenced in area where water activities including water tables occur.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Fully compliant at this time.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

None noted.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Targeted case compliance of Emergency Preparedness Plan completed - plan remains up to date and accurate.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Kathy Huinker Date: 6/8/2026

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 Alicia Wagner Child Care Consultant Child Care Resource & Referral of Southeast Iowa Community Action of Eastern Iowa awagner@caeiowa.org T: 319-538-8464 500 E 59th St.| Davenport, IA 52807| www.iowaccrr.org