Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Debora Elonga

Provider Name: Debora Elonga

Provider No.: 52418

Address: 1802 9th AVE SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3194235298

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 3/11/2026

Program Type:

☒ Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)

☐ 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

☒ All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Debora became a Registered childcare provider in 2024. Debora speaks French but is able to speak and understand English albeit with some limitations. Debora does not currently participate in the IQ4K quality rating system but has expressed an interest and does plan to meet with her local CCR&R support worker to begin that process. Debora does participate in the Food Program. She does care for children from the ages of infant through school-age. Debora is a Category A provider. She uses the main level and lower level of her home for childcare at this time. She is not approved to use the upper level of her home as she does not have the appropriate secondary exit. Debora did express some interest in moving to a different category, but we did discuss that her lower level is currently approved for childcare use, as a Category A provider. If she moved to a B or level C provider, she would be expected to have a secondary exit from that lower level, and she does not currently have that. Debora does have an above ground pool in her back yard. She does not have all of the appropriate fencing and this has been addressed with her in the past. A prior safety plan is still in effect where she agrees to not use the

backyard at all for childcare play until such time she has the appropriate fencing. It was discussed today that they have purchased some fencing and they were able to utilize the Growing Iowa Grant to re-imburse them that cost. Debora's husband Mboyo plans to install the fencing this spring or summer. They do have outdoor play space for the children in the side and front yard and agreed to continue to abide by the current safety plan in place. Debora does not utilize that pool for the childcare children and do not utilize any waterplay for the children. Debora does not have any pets. Debora does not currently have an approved assistant or substitute, but she is in the process of taking steps to get her husband Mboyo approved. He is working with the local CCR&R support worker on obtaining the training he needs. Debora has provided transportation to children at times. She is not providing transportation at the current time.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Debora had one child present when this worker arrived at the home. That child was sleeping in a bedroom. Two additional children arrived while this worker was present. One of the children was a baby that was sleeping in the car seat/stroller and Debora did immediately remove the child and place that baby in an appropriate pack and play. Thus, this worker did observe her following safe sleep policies.

Despite the fact that Debora was missing some of the required documentation, her documentation was all included in once binder which made it helpful for review. She did have more than the 2 minimum required polices that are required.

Both Debora and Mboyo presented as very interested in learning more about the childcare field and about quality care.

Debora did have a variety of toys for the children in the lower level of her home. She described that during the day they will play, read books, draw and enjoy outside play.

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.
Debora had a written list of children accessible by her side door, but it was not current with the current children enrolled.
*Debora needs to update her written list of children, parent contact, emergency contact and physician to include all of the current children enrolled.

110.9(4) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.
Debora needs to ensure she has a file for all of the children (she was missing an entire file for at least one child) and parents need to update it at least annually and sign and date each year.

Each file contains:
110.9 (4) a : Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child, and the parent's work address and telephone number.
110.9 (4) b : Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city, and telephone of the child's regular doctor, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.
110.9 (4) c : A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.
110.9 (4) d : For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.
For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian or admission physical examination that is not more than 12 months from the child's first day.
110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of statement of health or admission physical.
110.9 (4) f : For each school-age child, record of a physical exam completed at the time of school enrollment or since.
110.9 (4) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
110.9 (4) h : Written emergency plans for children with allergies. Must accompany child if away from facility.
110.9 (4) i : Documentation signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.

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110.9 (4) j : Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home.
110.9 (4) k : Injury report forms to document injuries requiring first aid or medical care.
This worker reviewed five files today.
For two children, Debora needed an updated/annual physical.
Once child did not have the physician listed and had not filled out the authorization to seek emergency medical care.
Debora was missing an entire file for one child and for a sibling only had a physical.
*Debora needs to work with all the parents to ensure she has all the required documentation for each child's file.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 4/1/26) 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

As noted above, there does continue to be a safety plan in place in regard to the above ground pool. This safety plan was developed in the past and the provider agreed to continue to abide by that. they have since purchased appropriate fencing and plan to install it in the spring or summer.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Debora has provided transportation to children at times. She is not providing transportation at the current time. She is open to providing transportation depending on what children she has present in care at the time. We did discuss that she is not allowed to have any of the childcare children stay home with Mboyo while she transports other children until such time that he is approved as a substitute.
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 A provider.

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

Recommendations:
Debora 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 policy effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this. Her CCR&R support worker was present on this date and agreed to assist Debora with this expectation.

While reviewing the children's files, Debora did have files for several children that she no longer provides care for. We did discuss her organizing her documentation and separating out the children that are not currently enrolled for easier review.

Debora's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training was valid on this date but expires later this month. We did discuss the need to get that updated and her local CCR&R worker agreed to assist her with that.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 3/12/2026

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 Rachel Bonefas with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Rachel Bonefas can be reached at 563-362-8225.