Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tina Spates

Provider Name: Tina Spates

Provider No.: 52992

Address: 305 Merriman St, Waterloo, IA, 50703

E-Mail:

County: Black Hawk

Phone Number: 3198302529

[X] Pre-Inspection Date: 11/10/2025

[ ] Approval Date:

[ ] Annual Visit Date:

Program Type:

[X] 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

[X] All Ages

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1. Basic Overview

Tina is approved as a Registered childcare provider as of this Pre-inspection on 11/10/25. She does not have prior official childcare experience (aside from raising her own family). Tina shared that her initial interest is providing childcare for some of her grandchildren, but she is open to caring for other children as well. She reported that she is open to all age groups. This worker did talk with Tina about the benefits of the Food Program, and she is aware she can reach out to her local CCR&R office if she is interested in participating in that.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Tina has a large back yard for outdoor play.
At a Pre-inspection, Tina is not required to have policies in regard to caring for ill children and a policy in regard to responding to health-related emergencies, but she did already have these written.
Tina had written numbers for fire, police, ambulance and poison posted in several areas in the home.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Tina was in full compliance with all mandated regulatory requirements for a Pre-inspection. This worker did provide her a copy of the annual compliance checklist and reviewed those Regulations as well.

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:
We did discuss safe sleep policies. Tina does have three grandchildren under the age of 2 that she plans to provide care for and will need to obtain an additional crib/pack-n-play for one of the infants.
We did discuss the number of children that Tina is allowed to have at one time as a Registered A provider.
Children's files do not need to be reviewed at a Pre-inspectin but she had started a file for her grandchildren, and we did discuss the documentation that is needed in each child's file.
This worker also verified that Tina had other forms and documentation she will need.

Recommendations:
Tina did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying parents in writing that they are able 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. She is not required to have this at a Pre-inspection, but she did have paperwork form CCR&R outlining that expectation. Tina will need to make sure she adds that to her policies or contract with parents.

We did

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 11/12/2025

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.