Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Dawn Exley

Provider Name: Dawn Exley

Provider No.: 11404

Address: 1010 Key Circle, Carter Lake, IA, 51510

E-Mail:

County: Pottawattamie

Phone Number: 4026395087

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 1/20/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

Dawn Exley has been providing childcare services for over 24 years. The provider is currently open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. She has three children enrolled in her care at this time. The third child is an infant who has only visited the childcare a couple of days. The provider can use the majority of the home for her childcare, but they are mainly on the main floor. The main floor has the living room, kitchen and one bedroom that is used for napping. The basement has another play area with multiple toy options for the children. There is an egress window in the basement for a secondary exit from that space in case of emergency. The provider has all necessary signage for the home that can be easily seen by children and families. The provider has all emergency plans and provisions for the children in care in the event of an emergency. When compliance staff arrived, the provider was helping the two children in care with making fuse crafts with beads and heating them up in the oven. The provider was observed assisting the children with the project and communicating with the children. The provider reported that child led play is used in her childcare. Depending on the age of the child, she will offer crafts and

other activities to help keep busy during the day. One child asked about the playground on the tv. The provider showed compliance staff that she has a new "game". The program interacts with the child to burst things on the screen. This can keep the children busy and active for a while, especially if they are unable to go outside and let off energy. The provider talked about outdoor play occurring when the weather is at appropriate temperatures for all children in care. They will go for walks, attend activities at the library and play at a park near the home. The provider's back yard is under some renovations and playing out there is not possible at this time.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff observed interactions and communication between the children and the provider. The provider was actively assisting the children if they needed help. The provider reported that right now, she does not have any negative behavioral issues and they all get along great.

Compliance staff discussed safe sleep with the provider as she has an infant that will be starting full time soon. The provider has all of the items needed to care for the infant and provide a safe sleeping environment for the child.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (3) e : Provider has procedures related to infectious disease and handling of bodily fluids including blood Soiled diapers are stored in containers separate from other waste.

**In your policy information, please update with a few sentences regarding infectious disease and bodily fluids. You already have a secondary trash for diapers and other waste products, this needs to be identified in your policies.

110.8 (4) b : Procedures are in place for: Evacuation to safely leave the facility, Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation, Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where the child is when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue, Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation, Communication and reunification with families, Continuity of operations, and Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

**Looking at the emergency preparedness plan, compliance staff noticed that there are two areas that need to be addressed. Please write a statement about your plan if you would have to lockdown your childcare for safety. Also, please add your plan for continuity of care, in the event that your home would become unusable for childcare for an extended period of time.

Please contact CCR&R or myself if you need any assistance with this.

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

5. Special Notes/recommendations

2026 targeted compliance measure: Emergency Preparedness Plan. The provider has an EP plan that identifies planned actions for evacuation, shelter in place, communication and reunification.

The plan needs to be updated to address lockdown procedure and continuity of care in the event of a disaster at the location of the childcare.

The strap(s) to the hot tub will need to be updated as at least one clip can no longer click in due to a broken part.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 1/23/2026

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 Judea Robbins 712-579-7850