Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Brenda Anderson

Provider Name: Brenda Anderson

Provider No.: 17188

Address: 212 Beautiful ST, Tama, IA, 52339

E-Mail:

County: Tama

Phone Number: 6417513910

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 7/16/2025

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:

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

1. Basic Overview

Brenda has been a Registered in home childcare provider through the state since 2008. She reports that she was a non-registered provider beginning in 2006. She is a Category A provider. She does not participate in the QRS rating system. Brenda does participate in the food program. She reports that she does not take infants but will take children beginning at the age of 1 year.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Brenda's files were nicely organized so this worker was able to review the paperwork while she continued to address the needs and supervision of the children.
There were no safety hazards noted in the home or outdoor play area.

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This worker did observe Brenda re-direct the children and talk to one child appropriately when he was struggling to share with the other children.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Brenda had not written the date down each month when she tests her smoke detectors. She needs to ensure that she is testing them monthly and documenting those accordingly.

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.
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.
110.9 (4) j : Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home.
Brenda was missing some of the required documentation for the children's files including an initial physical for one of the school aged kids, an initial physical for one of the preschool aged kids and she needs updated physicals for 2 additional children. Brenda also did not have the authorization for children to attend activities away from the childcare home for any of the children. This worker did provide her a form to use for documentation purposes.
Brenda needs to work with the parents to obtain all of the required documentation for each child's file.

A re-check is not needed at this time.
Brenda needs to take steps to come into compliance with the above items by 8/13/25 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

Brenda shared that she does not transport the childcare children. However, she did share an experience a few weeks ago when workers were working on the road and there ended up being a gas leak. Several homes in the area needed to evacuate and she utilized her Emergency Preparedness Plan. Brenda shared that local fire employees assisted her, and another childcare provider evacuate and seek safety. Brenda shared that she only had four children that day and that she does have car seats for the little ones (for her own grandchildren). She described contacting the parents accordingly as well. It appears as if she took appropriate steps in this situation.
Brenda shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool.
We did discuss safe sleep policies although she reports she does not take children under the age of one.
Brenda is aware of the number of children she is allowed to have at one time as a Category A provider.

Recommendations:
Brenda did have written policies for ill children and health emergencies, but she 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 so we did discuss this. Brenda needs to follow through to have all the parents verify they are aware of the exemption for immunizations.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 7/16/2025

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