Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Dawn Mills

Provider Name: Dawn Mills

Provider No.: 52046

Address: 1050 Center Ave, Garner, IA, 50438

E-Mail:

County: Hancock

Phone Number: 6414307932

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 4/7/2026

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

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Dawn Mills on 4/7/2026. Dawn has been involved in child care for 8 years. She continues using primarily the main floor of her ranch style home, with some limited napping in the basement level. Dawn has multiple egress windows and recently changed the one she uses as her 2nd exit. She needs to re-attach the step system to the wall under the new window. Dawn's home has an open floor plan and a clean/clutter free environment. She had 4 children present during the time of our visit and has 11 total in care. (Some are part-time.) Dawn has no HHS-approved substitutes or assistants. She is due to renew her registration effective 12/31/2026.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Dawn is an IQ4K Level 1 provider. The extra training and work with child care professionals shows her commitment to the quality of her operation. Dawn describes her strengths as the relationships she develops with the children and parents. Her families are comfortable with her as their provider. I observed positive interactions between Dawn and the children in care. Her curriculum includes a structured schedule that mixes some free play with lots of structured activities. Dawn promotes regular learning time. The children were participating in a magnetic and Velcro toy activity while I was there. They have regular outside time as weather allows. Dawn participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her meals and snacks.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.9(1)b(1) "Two hours of approved child abuse and neglect mandatory reporter training."
- Dawn's Mandatory Reporter training recently expired and needs to be renewed.

The bottom of the window opening is not more than 44 inches above the floor with permanent steps inside leading up to the window.
- Dawn recently re-arranged her basement family room and has changed to a different egress window as the primary second exit. Dawn needs to re-attach her step system to the new window being used.

The above corrections need to be in place by 6/29/2026 and will be reviewed during her next visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

The 2026 targeted compliance for the Emergency Preparedness Plan was conducted. Dawn was in compliance having a plan consistent with her current operation.

I encourage Dawn to work with Kathy Lloyd from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Kathy can be reached at: (319) 231-9405

Dawn currently has no infants under 12 months of age in care though plans to have one starting later this year. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies for future reference.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 4/22/2026

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