Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jennifer Jacobs

Provider Name: Jennifer Jacobs

Provider No.: 33822

Address: 2692 Old Highway RD, Nashua, IA, 50658

E-Mail:

County: Chickasaw

Phone Number: 6413302293

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 6/15/2026

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

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Jennifer Jacobs on 6/15/2026. Jennifer has been involved with child care for 21 years. She continues using her main floor only in their ranch style home. Jennifer's home is at the edge of town. Jennifer does not have any HHS-approved assistants or substitutes. Jennifer uses her open rural yard space for an outside play area. She is due to renew her registration effective 10/31/2026.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Jennifer has 21 years of experience in child care. She serves in an area of the State short of Registered Child Development Homes and is trying to help her community by taking several part time children during the summer. She considers herself

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organized, though had accepted too many of the part time children during the day of our visit. She also describes patience as one of her key strengths. Jennifer's summer curriculum includes a great amount of outside time and free play. She has sand boxes, games, outside toys, and lots of open space for the children. Her curriculum also includes traditional activities such as coloring, crafts, and puppets.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) e : An annual laboratory analysis shows satisfactory bacteriological quality if a private water supply is used. Nitrate analysis when children under 2.
If water is determined unsuitable for drinking, commercially bottled water or water treated and approved by the health department is provided.
- Jennifer needs to obtain a new well water statement to have on file. She needs to email me a copy of the new statement by 8/31/2026 or will need to change to only commercial water for the child care until she can get the statement. earl.crow@hhs.iowa.gov

110.14 (1) c : Not more than four additional school-age children.
110.14 (1) e : When more than 8 children are present for more than 2 hours, a DHS-approved assistant at least 14 years old is present. unless extra children are present as a result of an emergency school closing
- During the day of my visit, Jennifer had accepted several of her part time children outside their normally scheduled hours. She was over the maximum for a Category B provider by one child. She was over the limit of 8 children for more than 2 hours at a time having no HHS-approved assistants. Jennifer was in compliance with her infant and age ratios. Five of the children were leaving within an hour of my visit which would bring her back to 8 children. Jennifer must add a HHS-approved assistant if she plans to have more than 8 children present for more than 2 hours. Jennifer must remain within allowable numbers at all times. Jennifer's control of her environment was stressed with the high numbers of children present.

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. Jennifer was in compliance having a plan consistent with her current operation.

I encourage Jennifer to work with Shelby Hageman from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Shelby can be reached at: (319) 433-7760

Jennifer currently has no infants under 12 months of age in care. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies for future reference.

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6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum2: Per a new, September 2026 well water test, nitrates, E.coli, and bacteria levels are at allowable levels and provider can resume full use of her well water. Annual well water tests will be reviewed with her yearly compliance visits.
- Addendum1: Jennifer emailed me a copy of her new well water quality test as I had requested. The test results showed her well water tested ok in Ecoli and Nitrates, but the levels for Total Coliform Bacteria were above allowable levels. I emailed Jennifer explaining she would need to use bottled water or a commercial water source for her child care operation until she could obtain a new test showing safe levels of the Coliform Bacteria.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 9/16/2026

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 6/24/2026

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