Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Heather Iezek

Provider Name: Heather Iezek

Provider No.: 45897

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E-Mail:

County: Benton

Phone Number: 3194307664

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/25/2026

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

Heather shared that she initially began providing childcare in 1998. She reported that she was not always Registered with the state. Heather shared that she was a co-provider with another Registered childcare provider for over 6 years. In 2015 she started on her own as a Registered provider. Heather recalled working on the prior quality rating system when she was a co-provider. She does not currently participate in the current IQ4K quality rating system. She does participate in the Food Program. Heather shared that she is willing to care for children ages infant through school age. She does currently have some children before and after school. Heather only utilizes the main level of her home for childcare. Her back yard is not fully fenced but is partially fenced as the two neighbors have fences. Heather does have 2 dogs and a cat. Heather did have the pets separate from the children, and she shared she would not want to risk an injury to a child so had no problem keeping those pets separate. Heather does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Heather had 5 children present when this worker arrived. Two additional preschool children arrived shortly before this worker left. Heather shared the bus does transport those preschool children directly to her home.

Heather's policies did include more than the two minimum required policies. Despite missing some of the required documentation, Heather did have separate files for each child, and they were organized nicely into a binder. That allowed this worker to easily review her documentation while she was able to continue to supervise the children.

This worker did observe her to appropriately redirect the children when needed. Heather described a lot of time for free play in the home but noted they also spend time on colors, numbers and letters as well as read books and do crafts. She did have items for both large and small motor skills.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)n. All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites.
Form 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate, is on file.
Heather was missing an updated/annual pet exam for one of the dogs.
*Heather needs to obtain the updated/annual pet exam for Karma and ensure that is documented on the approved HHS pet form.

110.9(4) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.
Heather did have a file for each child, but they had not been updated annually.
*Heather needs to ensure that parents review the children's files annually, and sign and date accordingly.

Each file contains:
110.9 (4) b : Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city, and telephone of the child's regular doctor, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.
110.9 (4) c : A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.
110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
Heather was missing the emergency contact information and authorization to seek emergency medical care for 3 of the children in care.
We did discuss that when parents turn in the required documentation, she needs to review it to ensure she got it all back and has all that is required.
*Heather needs to work with the parents to obtain any missing documentation that is required for each child's file.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 3/18/26) 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

Notes:
Heather shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Heather shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a sprinkler occasionally for other water play.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.

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We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Category B provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Heather was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
Heather did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying parents in writing that the state does allow parents 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, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly.

Heather shared that she was late getting her training turned in for her recent renewal but has since turned it in accordingly. We did discuss actively taking steps to work on the training gradually throughout the 2 year renewal period and she agreed that she planned to do that to avoid future issues.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 2/25/2026

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 I encourage you to work with Janey Schmitt with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Janey Schmitt can be reached at 563-286-0694