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Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Amber Freel

Provider Name: Amber Freel

Provider No.: 17876

Address: 509 R AVE, Nevada, IA, 50201

E-Mail:

County: Story

Phone Number: 5152907520

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 3/17/2026

Program Type:

☐ 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:

☐ Infant(0<24 mos)

☐ Toddler

☐ PreSchool

☐ School Age

☒ All Ages

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1. Basic Overview

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Amber Freel on 3/17/2026. Amber has been involved with child care for 18 years. She continues using the lower level only of her ranch style home. She has an egress window and step system to serve as a second exit from her basement. Amber had 3 children present during our visit and a total of 4 in care. She is planning to start 2 new children in the near future. Amber has no HHS-approved substitutes or assistants. She has a fenced in side yard for an outside play area, and her home has a public park just across the street. Amber has one cat and one dog, each with a current vet statement on file. Amber just renewed her registration and is good through 1/31/2028.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Amber is an IQ4K Level 2 provider and is currently working with CCR&R on becoming Level 3 certified. This shows a commitment to the quality of her operation. Amber has slightly lowered the number of kids in care and increased her investment in training and working with CCR&R over the past few years and is showing good results. Her attention to children and control of her environment has steadily improved and she is happy with her current operation. Amber describes her curriculum as mixing free play with activities. She lets the children participate in selecting topics of interest for activities. She uses Pinterest for ideas of arts and crafts related to these topics. Amber participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her snacks and meals.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Provider Amber Freel was in compliance at this time.

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

I encourage Amber to continue working with Christa Jergens from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Christa can be reached at: (515) 201-7203

Amber has no current infants under 12 months of age, but may have one starting in the coming year. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies for future reference.

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Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 3/26/2026

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