Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Amanda Sackett

Provider Name: Amanda Sackett

Provider No.: 24413

Address: 1645 Red Fox Way, Marion, IA, 52302

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3193108336

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 4/1/2026

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home B
- [X] 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)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Amanda shared that she has been a registered childcare provider since 2000. She does not participate in the IQ4K quality rating system. She does not participate in the Food Program. She did share that she provides healthy meals with the basic food groups included. Amanda shared that she does not take school-aged children but will care for children from the ages of infant to kindergarten. She typically will only take one infant at a time. Amanda has set up the lower level of her home specifically for childcare. This includes a large play area, a bathroom and kitchen as well. She does not use the main level of her home for childcare. Her lower-level space is clean and set up quite nicely. She has a variety of toys and activities for the children and has structure and routine. Amanda has a large fenced in yard with a variety of play structures. She shared that she does have a lot of shade in her yard with two large trees. She shared that she tries to get the children outside regularly and they enjoy water days in the summer. Amanda does have 1 dog and 2 cats. The dog does interact with the children, but the cats tend to hide out. Amanda does not have an approved assistant or substitute.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

There were five children present at the time of this visit. (Amanda shared that she has a total of eight children registered, but they do not all come every day.) The children were playing nicely and greeted me upon my arrival. They showed me some of their favorite toys.

One preschool aged child arrived as I was leaving the home. (It was near lunch time). Amanda has a lock with a code on her entrance to the childcare. she shared that each family has their own code and the door does lock after they leave. This is some extra security as she often does not hear the door in the lower level. When a person enters using their code, Amanda does get an alert.

Amanda's files were nicely organized. She has a folder for each child that is updated annually. She has all her documentation in folders in a file cabinet. Amanda provided the files to this worker and went about her interactions with the children.
Amanda's handbook/policies does include more than the minim required policies.

This worker did observe her to read several books to the children and the children transitioned into free play. This worker did observe Amanda to appropriately re-direct a child when needed. She does have structure and routine and expectations and the children appeared to understand the expectations. The children presented as comfortable in her care. Amanda described a variety of activities including reading daily (which I did observe) free play, craft time and she did show me some of the drawings and crafts the children have been working on. She also has a variety of items for climbing and active play if they are not able to get outside due to weather. They talked of an Easter lunch this Friday and how they plan to make a banana pie. Amanda shared that she frequently bakes with the children and they enjoy making cookies. She allows the children to mix, stir and add ingredients but does not allow them to touch the oven/stove. The children then began to get excited about the banana pie they plan to make later in the week.

Amanda has a very nice space for the childcare children and presented as attentive to quality care.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) r : Certificate of registration is displayed in a conspicuous place.
Amanda had her certificate displayed but it was her old one.
*Amanda should locate her current certificate of registration and display that accordingly.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Amanda shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Amanda shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a water table or splash pad for other water play.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Category C1 provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Amanda 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:
Amanda 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 expectation for providers effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented

accordingly.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 4/1/2026

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