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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jennifer Carson

Provider Name: Jennifer Carson

Provider No.: 52051

Address: 403 20th PL SW, Mason City, IA, 50401

E-Mail:

County: Cerro Gordo

Phone Number: 6414209991

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 1/2/2026

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 Jennifer Carson on 1/2/2026. Jennifer has been involved in child care for 4 years. She is currently not participating in the IQ4K program. Jennifer continues using the main floor only of her ranch style home. She has a child gate across the space transitioning to her kitchen to allow her controlled access if she's preparing meals or using the stove. Jennifer had 4 children present during the time of our visit, and currently has 8 total children enrolled. (She may be losing one of the 8 later this month.) Jennifer currently has no HHS-approved substitutes or assistants. She has one dog and one cat, both had current vet statements on file. The children were engaged in free play during the time of my visit.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Jennifer works regularly with Kathy Lloyd from Child Care Resource and Referral. She describes her curriculum as mostly free play with some regularly mixed activities such as coloring, music time, and playdough. The children have regular outside time as weather permits. She has a fenced back yard which was 90% snow covered during the time of our visit. Jennifer described her strengths as a provider to include good communication abilities with the children, patience with the children and parents, and organizational skills. Jennifer's files were well organized at the time of our visit. Jennifer participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutritional level of her meals and snacks.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
- Jennifer was missing a couple of current physicals in her kid's files. She needs to obtain copies of these for the files by 3/6/2026 and they 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

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

Jennifer currently has no infants under 12 months of age in care. She has cribs and sleep sacks available for any future infants, and we reviewed infant sleeping policies.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 1/2/2026

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