Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Valarie Berry

Provider Name: Valarie Berry

Provider No.: 37928

Address: 2316 Indianola AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50315

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5156395530

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 7/8/2026

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:

- [ ] Infant(0<24 mos)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [X] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Valarie Berry has been a registered provider since April of 2012. Valarie is currently a category "C1" Child Development Home Provider. This category allows Valarie to have 8 children in care at one time. There are 2 pet dogs in the home. Valarie does not have an assistant or substitute for the program. Valarie is available for care Monday through Friday from 8am to 5:30pm.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Valarie is an experienced childcare provider. The home has dedicated spaces which are furnished with children's furniture, toys, books, and cribs. There are toys and objects which encourage children to develop large and small motor skills. The

provider follows a structured routine which children can predict their environment and activities. The children have group activities, free-play, and access to media depending on the age of the children in care. There is a backyard area the children can access when weather allows. The backyard is furnished with playground equipment encouraging large and small motor skill development. Valarie has completed her required trainings as reviewed by the Registration Unit. Valarie has completed Safe Sleep training; this worker reviewed the policy with her and gave her an informational flyer. Valarie will implement the practice when she has children 12 months or younger in her care. Valarie uses Time Out and redirection as her primary behavioral interventions when needed. Corporal punishment is not practiced in the Child Development Home. Children in Valarie's care will receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate. Valarie's provider file and individual child's files are complete, organized, and easily accessible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (4) b : Procedures are in place for:Evacuation to safely leave the facility,Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation,Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where the child is when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue,Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation,Communication and reunification with families,Continuity of operations, andProcedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.
Within six months of becoming registered, children 18 years of age or younger residing in the household must have:Admission physical exam report.Immunization certificate.For school age: Documentation of physical exam completed at time of school enrollment or since that time.

1. The Emergency Preparedness Plan needs to be updated and easily accessible. This worker has emailed a fillable Emergency Preparedness Plan template to use. Your CCR&R Worker can assist with this update if needed.
Have procedures in place for the following:
• Evacuation to safely leave the facility
• Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation
• Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
• Lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
• Communication plan and plans for reunification with families
• Plans for the continuity of operations
• Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

2. All household members 18 years or older need to have a DHHS Medical Physical Form completed by a qualified medical professional. This worker left a blank form for you to use.

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

None.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage you to work with your Child Resource and Referral Worker (Traci Honold 515-802-8163) with any compliance or training efforts.

Email a completed copy of the Emergency Preparedness Plan to this worker within 30 days of receiving this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 515-601-9469 or jake.aringdale@hhs.iowa.gov.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Jake Aringdale Date: 7/8/2026

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