Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Candace Link

Provider Name: Candace Link

Provider No.: 50890

Address: 204 Garfield ST, Tama, IA, 52339

E-Mail:

County: Tama

Phone Number: 6414813386

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 1/26/2026

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

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Candace Link on 1/26/2026. Candace has been involved in child care for 6 years. Candace has adjusted her operation and is only conducting child care on the main floor of her 2 story home. The main floor includes an open living room/kitchen area, and has a separate play room set up for multiple activities for the children. Candace had 3 children in care during the time of our visit, and is caring for a total of 9 children, some part time who also attend a local pre-school program. Candace just renewed her registration this month, and added 2 HHS-approved assistants. She currently has no HHS-approved substitutes. Candace has a large, open back yard for her outside play area. She has no pets in the home at this time. The children were engaged in free play during my visit, were happy, and social.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Candace describes her strengths as having great patience, and how well she relates to the children. The 3 children in care were happy, and appeared very comfortable in their relationship with the provider. Candace describes her curriculum as child led, interest based activities. These activities include circle time with lots of social time to promote social and emotional learning. The children have significant outside time when weather permits. Candace participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her snacks and meals.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) g : Has not less than one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
- Candace needs to upgrade her main floor fire extinguisher to a size 2A 10BC. (Note - she has already completed this and texted me a picture of her new fire extinguisher.)

No further follow-up is required 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 of the Emergency Preparedness Plan was conducted. Candace was in compliance with her plan, which was consistent with her current operation.

It is noted that Candace has 2 new assistants within their first 3 months of being approved. Both Christopher and Aurora need to complete their Mandatory Reporter training by 3/31/2026.

I encourage Candace to work with Janey Schmitt from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Janey can be reached at: (563) 286-0694

Candace currently has no infants under 12 months of age in care. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies for future reference.

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 1/28/2026

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