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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Brown Bear Daycare

Provider Name: Brown Bear Daycare

Provider No.: 51287

Address: 711 E Franklin ST , Denver, IA, 50622

E-Mail:

County: Bremer

Phone Number: 6413308985

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/5/2026

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

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1. Basic Overview

I conducted a compliance check with Registered Child Development Home Category C-2 providers Justina Brown and Lindsey Fontenot on 2/5/2026. Justina has been involved in child care for 15 years. They use the lower level only of a ranch style home. The basement has an egress window and step system to serve as their second exit. They have one HHS-approved assistant and no HHS-approves substitutes. Justina has 3 dogs in the home, all with current vet statements on file. The whole basement is devoted to child care and includes multiple rooms for activities or napping. The children were doing story time when I arrived. They are due to renew their registration effective 1/31/2027.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

They describe their strengths as being organized and creative. Justina described treating the children and parents like family when possible, creating an informal environment. Their files, postings, and compliance items were in good shape at the time of our visit. The children have a lot of free play mixed with structured activities. They typically complete some type of project in the mid-morning including arts, crafts, or music. The older children participate in circle time, and the younger children have exploration with shapes, colors, and simple learning. The children have lots of outside play time as weather permits. Justina and Lindsey regularly rotate toys to keep things fresh for the children.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Justina and Lindsey were 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. The providers were in compliance with a plan consistent with their current operation.

I encourage Justina and Lindsey to work with Katie Cruise from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Katie can be reached at: (319) 530-5265

I discovered a good example of safe infant sleeping when I arrived. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 2/18/2026

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