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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Marissa Cortez

Provider Name: Marissa Cortez

Provider No.: 52898

Address: 705 SE 7th ST, Des Moines, IA, 50309

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5158653173

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 8/27/2026

Program Type:

- [X] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] 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

Marissa has been a registered childcare provider since May of 2025. Marissa is currently a category "A" Child Development Home Provider. This category allows the provider to have 6 preschool children with an additional 2 school aged children in care at one time. Marissa does not have an assistant or substitute for her program at this time. Marissa does not provide transportation for families in her care. There are 2 pet dogs in the Child Development Home. Marissa is available for care Monday through Friday from 6am to 6pm.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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 providers follow a structured routine which children can predict their environment and activities. The children have group activities, free-play, and access to media. There is a fenced outside area the children can access when the weather allows. Marissa has completed her required trainings as reviewed by the Registration Unit. Marissa has completed Safe Sleep training; this worker reviewed the policy with her and gave her an informational flyer. Marissa will implement the practice when she has children 12 months or younger in her care. Marissa uses Time Out and redirection as her primary behavioral interventions when needed. Corporal punishment is not practiced in the Child Development Home. Children in Marissa 's care will receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate. Marissa participates with the Food Program. Marissa's provide file and individual child files are organized, complete, and easily accessible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Number for each child’s parent, a person who can be reached when the parent cannot and child’s physician is written on paper and readily accessible by the working telephone.

1. Each child in care needs to have their individual emergency contacts written on paper and easily accessible.

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 (Roxana Sixtos 515-202-1310) with any compliance or training efforts.

The Emergency Preparedness Plan meets Targeted Expectations.

The above correction needs to be completed by 10/1/2026 and will be reviewed on your next annual compliance check.

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: 8/31/2026

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