Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jodi Mariner

Provider Name: Jodi Mariner

Provider No.: 22034

Address: 401 10th ST NE, Mason City, IA, 50401

E-Mail:

County: Cerro Gordo

Phone Number: 6414255044

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 9/15/2026

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 visit with Registered Child Development Home Category C-2 providers Jodi Mariner and Karen Bernhardt on 9/15/2026. Jodi has been involved with child care for 34 years. They continue to use mostly the basement of their 2 story home with some napping on the main level. Jodi may consider shifting her substitute/assistant daughter Jessica into the co-provider role and current co-provider Karen to substitute/assistant in the coming year. They had 12 children present during our visit, and have 20 total in care at this time. (Several are part time, before school only, or after school only.) Jodi and Karen have 3 HHS-approved substitute/assistants. They have a mostly fenced back yard used as their primary outside play space. Jodi has 2 dogs, both with current vet statements. They are due to renew their registration effective 8/31/2027.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Jodi and Karen have significant years of experience in child care. Jodi described their strengths as good communication with the parents, making sure they know the expectations of the program. She also describes being very organized, and talked about how they strive to create an environment where the kids are happy. I observed that the children all seemed to know the routine during my visit. Their curriculum consists of mostly free play mixed with regular and traditional child activities. They currently have a young group of children so frequently change up the activities per the shorter attention spans. Jodi and Karen participate in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of their meals and snacks.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Jodi and Karen 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, Jodi and Karen were in compliance having a plan consistent with their current operation.

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

Jodi and Karen had 2 infants under 12 months of age who were awake during our visit, and one who was properly sleeping. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 9/16/2026

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