Health and Human Services

# Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

## CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Wendi Harrah

Provider Name: Wendi Harrah

Provider No.: 17769

Address: 205 9th ST NE, Clarion, IA, 50525

E-Mail:

County: Wright

Phone Number: 5158518515

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☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 8/19/2025

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Program Type:

☐ 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

☒ All Ages

**1. Basic Overview**

I conducted a compliance check with Registered Child Development Home Category C-2 providers Wendi Harrah and Lillian Fulk on 8/19/2025. The operation continues to use the main and basement level of the 2-story home. The basement level has an egress window with a good step and platform system leading up to the window. Wendi recently changed back from Category B to Category C-2 with the addition of co-provider Lillian Fulk. Their current certification runs through 1/31/2027. Wendi has been engaged in child care since 1993. Wendi and Lillian have no HHS-approved substitutes, but have one approved assistant. There were 16 children in care when I arrived, which dropped to 15 by the time I had left. Co-provider Lillian did not arrive until 9:40 AM, leaving the operation over numbers for a single provider for approximately an hour.

**2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program**

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Wendi and Lillian have an operation well liked by the parents, and serve a large number of families in the community where registered child care providers are limited. Wendi has an in-ground pool in the back yard which had all the required fencing and a locked gate in place during the time of my visit. She does allow the older children to use the pool under supervision, and had all of the current permission slips from parents in a folder. The back yard is large and fenced in. The children spend significant time outside, especially during the summer. Despite the large number of families served, the children's files and provider files were up to date. Wendi and Lillian offer significant free-play as part of their curriculum. Wendi also uses an HHS-approved assistant for much of the summer to help supervise the outside play.

**3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard**

110.6 : No more children are in care than the number authorized on the registration certificate.
110.15 (1) e : If only one approved provider is present, not more than eight children are present.

During the time of my arrival, Wendi was caring for 16 children, half of them being school age. Wendi's co-provider did not arrive until 9:40 AM. When only one provider of a Category C-2 operation is present, they are limited to caring for only 8 children. Wendi was over her allowable 8 children for approximately an hour until her co-provider Lillian arrived. Three of the children in care were Wendi's grandchildren who she had allowed to spend the night. Several of the children included returning teacher's children. Teachers had to report back to school, yet classes don't start until next week. Many of these morning numbers will naturally reduce next week when school age children will be back in class. Better planning and communication could have avoided the hour over numbers by simply having the co-provider arrive earlier, or requiring some of the parents to use a back-up until both providers could be present. Wendi and Lillian need to be present anytime the number of children in care exceeds 8. This correction needs to be in place immediately. No re-check is planned at this time per natural changes with the start of the school year.

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

N/A

**5. Special Notes/recommendations**

I encourage Wendi and Lillian to work with Becky White from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Becky can be reached at: (712) 541-9470

Becky and Lillian currently have no infants under 12 months in care. We reviewed safe infant sleeping requirements for future reference.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 8/21/2025

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