Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Venus Carter

Provider Name: Venus Carter

Provider No.: 24640

Address: 2251 Pleasant View DR #A4, Marion, IA, 52302

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3192109873

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 3/27/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

Venus shared that she was a Registered childcare provider from 2000-2015. She took a break for several years and got Registered again in 2023. Venus shared that she did participate in the previous quality rating system as well as Child Net, but is not a participant of the current IQ4K quality rating system. She does not participate in the Food Program. Currently Venus only provides care for three of her grandchildren. She is open to proving care for other children and is willing to care for children between infant and school-age. Venus does currently offer transportation. Venus uses the main level of her home for childcare. Venus also has set up her garage as a play space for the children. She does have a net on the garage door to enclose it and the children are able to play in the driveway area as well. Venus does not have any pets. Venus does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Venus did not have any children in care at the time of this visit. She currently provides care for three of her grandchildren that are all school age.

Venus shared that at time they go to the park, and she does offer a variety of activities including games, puzzles and crafts as well as play for large motor development. Her home is clean and nicely maintained.

Venus's files and documentation were nicely organized in a binder for easy review and verification of compliance.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) h : Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway.

Venus has her garage set up for a play room for the children but she did not have a smoke alarm in that room.
*Venus needs to obtain a smoke alarm for her garage and send pictorial verification to HHS.
Venus did send pictorial verification of installing a smoke detector in her garage on this same date.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 4/17/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.
Note: Venus already corrected the one items that was needed for full compliance.

If you have questions, you may contact me at 319-429-0749 or via email at christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Venus does transport the childcare children.
Venus shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but does take the children to the YMCA at times to swim.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Category A provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Venus was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
Venus did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying parents in writing that the state does allow parents to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. This is a new expectation for providers effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 3/30/2026

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 I encourage you to work with Janey Schmitt with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Janey Schmitt can be reached at 563-286-0694