Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Laura Castell

Provider Name: Laura Castell

Provider No.: 16470

Address: PO Box 234, State Center, IA, 50247

E-Mail:

County: Marshall

Phone Number: 6417501996

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 9/2/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category C-2 providers Laura Castell and Tiffini Soria on 9/2/2026. Laura has been involved in child care for 25 years. They continue to use the lower level only of the ranch style home. The entire lower level is dedicated to child care. Laura and Tiffini had 9 children present during my visit and care for 15 total. They have 3 HHS-approved substitutes/assistants, mostly uses as assistants. Laura and Tiffini have a well developed and fenced outside play area offering many activities and good shade in the summer. Laura has one dog and has a current vet statement on file. Laura and Tiffini are due to renew their registration effective 2/28/2027.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Laura and Tiffini are IQ4K Level 4 providers showing a dedication to additional training and excellence in their program.

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They also participate in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of their meals and snacks. They describe their strengths as being able to use good teamwork between the two providers. They try to stay positive with the children and remain open to trying new ideas for overall improvement to their operation. Their curriculum involves keeping a schedule with the kids that offer lots of free play mixed with activities. Several of the children were working on a sticker project when I arrived. They enjoy spending time outside time whenever weather allows.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.9(1)b(1) Certification by an approved trainer/organization in infant and child first-aid and CPR.
- Laura and Tiffini need to find or obtain Co-provider Tiffini's CPR to have on file.

110.9(3) : An individual file is maintained for each substitute and contains:
110.9 (3) b : Within six months of approval, a Physical exam report documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, which is repeated at least every three years.
110.9 (3) c : Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within three months of employment.
110.9 (3) d : Certification in infant and child first-aid that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.If they are unable to locate first aid training that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, they must complete both a first aid course and CPR.
110.9 (3) e : Certification or other documentation that minimum health and safety training as identified in 110.10(1)“a” has been completed within three months or prior to providing substitute care, whichever occurs first.
- Laura and Tiffini need to assemble a file for substitute/assistant Hannah that includes her current health statement on the State form, her Mandatory Reporter training, her CPR/First Aid, and the 12 Essentials training modules.

The above corrections need to be in place by 12/15/2026 and will be reviewed during their next visit.

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. Laura and Tiffini were in compliance having a plan consistent with their current operation.

I encourage Laura and Tiffini to continue working with Julia Green from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Julia can be reached at: (515) 202-1830

Laura and Tiffini have no infants under 12 months of age in care at this time. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies for future reference.

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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