Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Amy Lien

Provider Name: Amy Lien

Provider No.: 51813

Address: 214 Jessie ST, Ossian, IA, 52161

E-Mail:

County: Winneshiek

Phone Number: 5633877754

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 4/22/2026

Program Type:

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

Amy became a Registered childcare provider in 2022. She shared that she had five years of experience in a childcare center prior and was an assistant in her mother's childcare home from the age of 14- 22. Amy is not a participant of the IQ4K quality rating system. She did participate in Child net in the past. She does not participate in the Food Program. Amy is open to caring for children of all ages (infant through school age) Amy provides childcare on the main level of her home. Her yard is not fenced but appeared well maintained. Amy does have a dog but noted the dog is typically off with her husband during childcare hours and does not frequently interact with the childcare children. Amy does currently have an approved assistant and another individual approved as an assistant and substitute, but she noted she has not utilized either in some time.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Amy had 7 children in care when this worker arrived. Six were sitting at a table eating breakfast. The children later transitioned into free play while this worker was present. They had a variety of toys and activities to participate in. Amy was observed to provide appropriate supervision, and this worker did observe her to appropriate redirect a child when needed and comfort a child who had tripped over a toy.

Amy did have her documentation organized very nicely and all in sleeves inside a binder. This made it easy for this worker to easily review while she as able to continue to care for and supervise the children.
Amy's Emergency Preparedness Plan was nicely written and detailed.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)h. Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Amy did not have monthly documentation of testing of smoke alarms for this calendar year.
*Amy needs to ensure that she tests all of her smoke alarms monthly and documents that accordingly.

110.9(2) : An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant:
110.9 (2) 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 (2) c : Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within six months of employment.
Paige is an approved assistant. Her physical exam and her Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter training had expired. Amy did note she has not used Paige as an assistant for some time. Amy's renewal is coming up and if she does not play to utilize her as an assistant, she should have her taken off for approval.
*If Amy plans to have Paige continue to be approved as an assistant, then she needs to obtain an updated/current physical exam and she needs to update her Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter training.

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.
Ashley is currently approved as an assistant and as a substitute. Amy also noted that she has not used Ashley for some time. Amy is coming up on her renewal.
*If Amy chooses to continue to have Ashley approved as an assistant and substitute, she needs to obtain a current physical exam, a current MCART training and a current first Aid and CPR certificate. If Amy does not plan to continue to have her approved as an assistant or substitute, then she should note that change in her renewal to get her taken off her Registration.

110.9(4) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.
Amy did have a file and documentation for each child, but they had not been reviewed and updated annually.
*Amy needs to ensure that the parents review/update each child's file annually and sign and date accordingly.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 5/13/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

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

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NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Amy shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Amy shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a splash pad for other water play.
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 B provider.
Amy is due to have a baby of her own in the fall. She also noted that she has a few parents that are expecting. We did discuss the possibility of requesting an Exception to Policy to allow her more than the allowed 8 children at one time or possibly more than the allowed 4 children under the age of 2. Amy plans to consider that.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Amy's EPP was detailed and nicely written. She 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:
Amy 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.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 4/23/2026

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 Teri Orr if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Teri Orr can be reached at 319-433-7750.