Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Melissa Vakulskas

Provider Name: Melissa Vakulskas

Provider No.: 35722

Address: 2517 S Cedar ST, Sioux City, IA, 51106

E-Mail:

County: Woodbury

Phone Number: 7123336466

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 4/24/2026

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

Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced compliance visit was completed at the Registered C program of Melissa Vakulskas and Eric Kemling. As a C provider they are allowed 16 full time children at any one time as long as both providers are present. If only one provider is present, the max is 8 children at one time. They currently have two approved assistants, Jeffrey and Mickael. These assistants do not change the number of allowed children. They accept children 6 week on up. They are open M-F 7-5:00 PM with some flexibility. They accept state child care assistance and are part of the Teach and Wages Program. They us Playground application for paperwork, communication and billing purposes.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Melissa and Erica are IQ4K rated and Child Net certified, which means they have additional training and requirements. They have a plethora of experience which has them attuned to children's behavioral and developmental development. They report they are a family like setting and treat everyone as if they are family. They take pride in what they do and communicate well. They are play based but do some pre-school teachings.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

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.
- Melissa must complete her CPR and first aid training within 60 days and upload into IPOWER.

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

5. Special Notes/recommendations

2026 Target compliance of Emergency Preparedness Plan was in compliance with current operations.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Dave Jaehrling Date: 6/8/2026

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