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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Miss Lacys PreK LLC

Provider Name: Miss Lacys PreK LLC

Provider No.: 51495

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County: Tama

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- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 7/9/2025

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
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Lacy has provided in home childcare through the state since 2021. She started out as a Category A provider and is currently a Category B provider. Lacy also has experience with children teaching special education in the school system for 6 years. She did participate in the TEACH program that paid for her to get her Early Childhood Endorsement. Lacy is at level 10 (the top) of the WAGES scale. She is at level 4 of the IQ4K rating scale. Lacy also participates in the food program. She specifically cares for children ages 3-5 and has a preschool curriculum. In the summer time, the children spend a lot of time outdoors and she refers to her summer program as "camp". As a Category B provider, she is allowed to have up to 8 children at one time (if no assistant is present) and she currently has 7 enrolled. She does have a substitute/assistant however.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Lacy has policies for her program that are nicely written and address more than just the minimum required policies.
Her emergency preparedness plan is also quite thorough.
In regard to discipline, Lacy described utilizing NCMI and a solutions toolkit. She described utilizing PBIS resources and calming strategies.
This worker did observe Lacy having very positive interactions with the children while I was present. The children listened and responded well to her direction. The children presented as quite comfortable in her care.
Lacy and the children were outside eating lunch at picnic tables when this worker arrived. Lacy has a "family style" set up and with taking age group 3-5, this worker was able to observe the children asking nicely for seconds and even dishing up their own food. Lacy is part of the food program. I observed a healthy meal with the basic food groups. the children were excited to share with this worker that they were eating cucumbers that they had picked from the garden just that morning. They even helped with planting the garden.
Lacy has nap mats for the children at nap time and today they were arranged outside under the tree for napping outside. Lacy shared that during summer hours they try to sleep outside a few times a week weather permitting. The children all had matching hats on to keep the sun off their face.
Lacy does have a written schedule for her day that includes centers, small groups, story time, circle time and outdoor play. In the summer the kids talked about Friday being water day and Thursday is art day. The kids also talked about "Master Chef Monday" where they get to help prepare the snack and meal for the day.
Lacy described that they take field trips 1-2 times per month and walk to the library a couple times per week. In addition to lunch this worker observed story time and Lacy getting the kids down for the nap. I observed a sandbox, sensory bins and other toys in the outside area.
Lacy has a large back yard that is nicely maintained.
Lacy's files were nicely organized so this worker was able to review the paperwork while she laid the children down for nap.
There were no safety hazards noted in the home or outdoor play area.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.9 (4) d : For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.
Lacy was missing an initial physical for one of the children in care

110.9 (4) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
Lacy was missing an immunization record for one of the children in care.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Lacy does take field trips with the children. They typically will rent a bus. She does have a backpack with necessary items when they travel.
Lacy shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but they do have water days on Fridays where they will use a sprinkler, squirt guns and water balloons as well as other water play.
Lacy does have one small dog. There were no concerns observed in regard to interactions between the dog and children.
We did discuss safe sleep policies although Lacy does not provide care for infants. She only takes children ages 3-5.
Lacy's lower level of her home is finished and that is the area she utilizes for childcare in addition to her garage and outdoor space. She does not provide care on the main level of her home. She does have an appropriate egress window in the lower level of the home to use as her secondary exit.
Lacy shared that she typically does not give medications to children but did have a child recently that needed antibiotics. She did have the appropriate documentation.

Lacy had written policies for ill children and health emergencies, but she did not yet have anything written in regard to

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notifying parents in writing that they are able to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. This is a new policy effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she added it to her policies while this worker was present. She indicated an intention to have all parents sign off on the new expectation.

Recommendations:
Lacy needs to obtain an admission physical and immunization record (or exemption form) for the one child in which this was missing.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 30 days 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.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 7/10/2025

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 I encourage you to work with Rachel Bonefas with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Rachel can be reached at 563-362-8225