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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Cindy Briner

Provider Name: Cindy Briner

Provider No.: 26995

Address: 602 1/2 New York AVE, Creston, IA, 50801

E-Mail:

County: Union

Phone Number: 6413447251

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 10/14/2026

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home B
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home C
- [X] Registered Child Development Home C1
- [ ] Non Registered Child Care Homes accepting CCA

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0<24 mos)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Cindy Briner has provided childcare services for over 19 years. This childcare home is a C1 home that allows for only 8 children to be in the home at one time. The 8 children can all be preschool aged between 1 day and the day before kindergarten starts for the child. The provider stated that four days per week, she has six children. On Wednesdays, she has seven due to no preschool in the community. The childcare is held on the main floor of the home. The living room, extended room, dining room and a bedroom are used for the childcare. The provider stated that she supports free play in her childcare. The children were playing with cars, dinosaurs and other toys they wanted to share with compliance staff. The provider tries to get the children outside often to run off energy.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Compliance observed the provider interact with children during the visit. The provider kept a gentle tone in her voice as she addressed children or was redirecting children to find a different toy or to remain in the living room area.

She reported that when redirection does not work, she will have a child come to her to talk about the issue. Sometimes, a child will stay next to the provider for a little while to calm down or until they are ready to talk about the situation.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.6 : No more children are in care than the number authorized on the registration certificate.

**When HHS staff arrived for the compliance check, it was evident that the provider had more than eight children in care. Compliance staff determined that the provider had 11 preschool aged children in her care. The provider stated that she was watching children that normally go to a different provider. Compliance staff asked when the children arrived to try and determine the length of time that she had been over numbers. The children were all in her care by 8 am.

**The provider was out of compliance for total number of children in her care. She was also out of compliance by having an additional child between the ages of 0 and 2 yrs. Compliance staff observed the provider's attendance documentation. The provider was over ratio four days October 5th to 8th. Looking through the attendance logs, the provider has been out of compliance other days throughout the year.

110.7 (1) a : Gives careful supervision at all times.
110.7 (1) c : Gives consistent, dependable care. Is capable of handling emergencies.

** The provider was not providing dependable care on this date. The number of children in her care inhibited her ability to maintain careful supervision. When a provider is unable to maintain adequate supervision children can get hurt and the provider can miss safety concerns for children. The provider had placed an infant in a swing, but due to multiple distractions, she did not realize that an infant had fallen asleep in the swing. Compliance staff had been observing the infant and told the provider she needed to move the child.

The provider did ask a family member to come into the living room to help her. He did not provide care to the children, but reached out to other adults regarding the children. Three children were in need to leave the childcare home so the provider would be in compliance with registration numbers. The provider had been getting lunch started when compliance staff arrived. Compliance staff told the provider several times to attend to the children as compliance staff can wait until she cares for the children. The provider stated more than once that it was ok, she would get to feeding the children soon.

**The provider was not in compliance with regulation standards by not giving consistent and dependable care.

110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
110.9 (4) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.

**While compliance staff was looking through child files, at least one file did not have updated medical and immunization records. Also, the provider did not have files on the extra children that were in her care. When the provider has children who are not in her care consistently, the provider needs to have a file on each child as if they come to her home consistently.

**The provider was not in regulation standards with files for children in her care.

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

A safety plan was written with the provider. The provider will not care for more than eight children at any time. The provider will ensure daily that she is not caring for more than four children who are between the ages of 1 day and 2 years old. If the provider takes in other children to fill in her openings, she will need to have a paper file on the children she is caring for. This is no different than full time children in her care. The provider has been told that two childcare programs cannot meet in one home location.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

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2026 targeted compliance measure: Emergency Preparedness Plan. The provider has a completed EP plan that identifies planned actions for evacuation, shelter in place, lockdown, communication and reunification. The plan also addresses continuity of care in the event of a disaster at the location of the childcare. The provider is to look over the plan to ensure that all phone numbers are still correct.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 10/16/2026

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 Brenda Bera 712-579-7243