Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Alyska Baker

Provider Name: Alyska Baker

Provider No.: 51424

Address: 1102 N Howard ST, Indianola, IA, 50125

E-Mail:

County: Warren

Phone Number: 6414143050

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 10/8/2026

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

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1. Basic Overview

Alyska Baker has been providing in home childcare for over five years. Prior to starting her business, she worked at a school daycare. The provider is ChildNet certified and is a Level 1 IQ4K rated childcare. The provider also works with the food program. At the time of the visit, the provider had five children in care. She reported that one child comes after preschool and another child comes after school. The childcare is held on the main level of the home. The living room, dining room and two bedroom areas are used for the childcare. The provider reported that she will work with the children on colors, letters and numbers. She reported that she believes in free play for the children.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff was able to observe the provider with the children in her care. The provider maintained active supervision of the children and assisted when necessary. Compliance staff was able to observe the provider use redirection with a child. The child moved a younger child who was in a bouncy seat to other places in the main space of the home. The provider reminded the child that they cannot move the infant in the seat. The older child was encouraged to engage in other activities available.

The provider reported that redirection is how she likes to work with the children so they learn too. If incidents were to continue the child may have to sit by the provider for a short time so they could talk more about the situation.

Safe sleep was discussed with the provider and she reported that the infant will sleep in a pack n play. There is a sleep sack that is used for nap time and she checks on the infant every 15 to 20 minutes.

The provider discussed getting outside as much as they can. She is also able to utilize a temperature controlled room, if they cannot get outside. Children have more space to run and play in that area.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) h : Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway.
Each smoke detector has been installed according to manufacturer’s recommendations.
Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.

**Discussion with the provider as three smoke detectors were not in the holders. One in the living room and one in each bedroom used for play and napping. The provider was told to have photos to compliance staff by October 15, 2026. The provider understood that she may not receive this letter before that time.

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

5. Special Notes/recommendations

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.

Per our conversation at the visit, your First Aid/CPR certifications will expire in May 2027

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 10/13/2026

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 Kelly Phelps 515-802-7292