



Health and
Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Sarah Shirk

Provider Name: Sarah Shirk

Provider No.: 42521

Address: 517 12th AVE NW, Hampton, IA,
50441

E-Mail:

County: Franklin

Phone Number: 6414301083

- ☐ Pre-Inspection Date:
- ☐ Approval Date:
- ☒ Annual Visit Date: 4/16/2026
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Program Type:

- ☐ Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- ☐ 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
- ☒ All Ages



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1. Basic Overview

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category C-1 provider Sarah Shirk on 4/16/2026. Sarah has been involved in child care for 26 years. She continues using the middle 2 levels of a 4 level split home. The lower level has a walk out door to serve as a second exit. Sarah's home is at the edge of town and she uses well water as her source of water. She has a current well water testing statement on file. Sarah had 7 kids present during our visit and cares for 8 total. She has no HHS-approved assistants or substitutes. Sarah has 1 dog and has a current vet statement on file. Her outside play area is a large and open back/side yard. Sarah is due to renew her registration effective 9/30/2027.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Sarah has lots of experience in child care. She identifies her strengths as her patience with the kids, her flexibility with the parents, and the love she has for the kids in her care. She described how she likes to continue learning and trying new things with her operation. Sarah describes her curriculum as lots of free play mixed with age appropriate activities. (She has a very young group at this time.) She presents many traditional activities to the children with an emphasis on arts and crafts. The children have regular outside time as weather permits. Sarah participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her meals and snacks.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Sarah was in compliance at this time.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

The 2026 targeted compliance for the Emergency Preparedness Plan was conducted. Sarah was in compliance with a plan consistent with her current operation.

I encourage Sarah to work with Katie Cruise from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Katie can be reached at: (319) 530-5265

Sarah had 2 infants under 12 months of age who were awake during my visit. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow

Date: 4/24/2026

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