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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Cara McElmury

Provider Name: Cara McElmury

Provider No.: 24735

Address: 16271 Rock Bluff RD, Ottumwa, IA, 52501

E-Mail:

County: Wapello

Phone Number: 6416831214

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 5/5/2026

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:

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

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1. Basic Overview

Cara has been a registered childcare provider since June 2008. Cara is a category B provider, and she has no assistants or substitutes. Cara's childcare hours are 7:00am to 5:00pm and she accepts children ages 0 to 5 years. Cara's childcare is located in a home in which is only used for her childcare, she does not reside there. Cara participates with the food program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Cara was caring for 8 children at the time of the compliance visit. During the visit, most of the children were napping on cots in the living area. Cara did have one infant who was not napping, the child was with Cara, working on tummy time.

Cara says a strength of her program is that she participates in the food program and the children get the opportunity to try new and different foods. Cara says that she teaches the children to share and have patience. Cara says that her policy is that "everyone plays or no one plays". Cara allows the children to free play with different toys such as blocks, puzzle, matching and dinosaurs. Cara has the children do arts and crafts, they recently did hand-print flowers for Mother's Day.

Cara says that she likes to keep her program very positive and she has a great relationship with the parents.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (4) b : Procedures are in place for: Evacuation to safely leave the facility, Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation, Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where the child is when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue, Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation, Communication and reunification with families, Continuity of operations, and Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

1. Cara's Emergency Preparedness Plan is not current with some contact information.

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

1. Cara needs to update her EPP.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Targeted Compliance: Emergency Preparedness Plan

Cara's EPP was reviewed and requires some contact information updates.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Holly Bailey Date: 5/21/2026

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 Karen Laur can be reached at: 641-820-1922.