Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Shining Star Childcare

Provider Name: Shining Star Childcare

Provider No.: 51283

Address: 306 Oneida ST, Waterloo, IA, 50703

E-Mail:

County: Black Hawk

Phone Number: 3195951533

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 5/22/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

Shanquinisha became a Registered childcare provider in 2021. She is not a participant of the IQ4K quality rating system. She does participate in the Food Program. Shanquinisha is open to caring for children of all ages (infant through school-age). Shanquinisha primarily provides childcare in the lower level of her home. It is set up specifically for childcare. She does however also utilize the main level for the living room and dining area. She does have a fenced in front yard for outdoor play. Her back yard is also mostly fenced but she indicated she does not like that area for outdoor play. Shanquinisha does have one dog. She shared that the dog does not typically interact with the childcare children. Shanquinisha does have two individuals approved as substitutes and assistants.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Shanquinisha had five children present on this date. She stated that she currently has 6 children enrolled in care. She does have two children of her own in the home that count towards the number of children she is allowed at one time.

This worker observed the children in free play and Shanquinisha's assistant did provide the children a snack while I was present. Shanquinisha had a variety of toys and activities available to the children including things for small motor skills and items for large motor skills. She described her daily routine to include free play, exercise, as well as educational time to work on ABC's and colors as age appropriate.

I observed both Shanquinisha and her substitute/assistant (Saniece) appropriately redirect the children when needed. Shanquinisha's files were organized into folders and maintained in a file drawer. She was able to give this worker her documentation for easy review while she was able to continue to care for and supervise the children.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)i. Nonsmoking signs are posted at every entrance of the home and in every vehicle used to transport children. Signs include telephone number for reporting complaints, and www.iowasmokefreeair.gov.
Shanquinisha does transport children in her vehicle. She did report that she has a new vehicle and does not currently have a no-smokin sign in her vehicle.
*Shanquinisha needs to obtain a no-smoking sign for her vehicle.

110.8(4)a. Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.
Shanquinisha did have documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills for this year. She did not have her documentation from last year.
*Shanquinisha needs to ensure that keeps the documentation from the year prior for future compliance visits.

110.9(4) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.
Shanquinisha did have a file for each child, but it had not been updated/reviewed annually.
*Shanquinisha needs to ensure that parents review/update the children's files annually and sign and date accordingly.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 6/12/26) 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.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Shanquinisha shared that she does at times transport the childcare children when she is taking her own children to school.
Shanquinisha shared that she does not use a swimming pool for the childcare children.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Category B provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Shanquinisha was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Shanquinisha does have a child in the home, that was not listed as a household member in HHS childcare records. We also discussed the need to notify the HHS Registration unit when there are changes to the household. If the individual is over the age of 14, appropriate background checks need to be completed and even if the individual is not over the age of 14, HHS

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needs to be notified of changes in the household.

Recommendations:
Shanquinisha did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying parents in writing that the state does allow parents to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. This is a new expectation for providers effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 5/22/2026

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 I encourage you to work with Black Hawk County Child Care Resource and referral at 319-233-0804 if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.