Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: April Cardenas

Provider Name: April Cardenas

Provider No.: 40278

Address: 1319 Sundown Rdg, Iowa City, IA, 52246

E-Mail:

County: Johnson

Phone Number: 3193310628

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 4/22/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

April has been a registered childcare provider since November 2012. April's childcare hours are 6:15am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. April cares for children of all ages. April participates in the food program. April resides in a home with her husband and father-in-law. The childcare is located on the main (only) level of the home. April does not have any substitutes or assistants.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

April was caring for six children at the time of the compliance visit. The older children were laying down on cots for naps and the infants were in bouncy seats, sitting next to the table while we completed the checklist.

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April says that she feels that one of her strengths is that she is a registered childcare provider. April says that she has long-term relationships with her childcare families, she is actually now caring for a grandchild of a former client. April says that she makes her home feel welcoming to the families and she treats the children like family. April says that all of her children come from referrals. April's early hours of operation are also a strength.

April says that she teaches the children life skills so that they are ready for school. They also work on learning colors and numbers. April says that the children enjoy painting, chalk board, bubbles, books and she recently bought a Barbie dream house for the children. April has a map of the United States with seek and find destinations for the children to learn their states. April says that she does regular tummy-time for infants. April says that all of the children have extra clothes at her house because she lets them play in the mud and dirt.

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. April's Emergency Preparedness Plan is not current.

110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of statement of health or admission physical.

1. April is missing current physicals/statements of health for some children's files.

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

1. April needs to update her EPP so that it has current contact information.

2. April needs current physicals/statements of health, in all children's files.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Targeted Compliance: Emergency Preparedness Plan

April's EPP was reviewed and it requires updating.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Holly Bailey Date: 4/23/2026

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 Lorri Hora can be reached at: 319-321-2725