Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tender Traditions Child Development Home

Provider Name: Tender Traditions Child Development Home

Provider No.: 31043

Address: 2545 Asbury RD, Dubuque, IA, 52001

E-Mail:

County: Dubuque

Phone Number: 5635833864

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 10/7/2025

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home B
- [X] 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

1. Basic Overview

Joann and Peter have been providing child care for approximately 16 years now and has been registered with the state of Iowa the entire time. Joann and Peter are not currently accepting new enrollments as they are beginning to phase out of child care. Joann and Peter are also involved with the foster parent program and currently have two children placed with them. Joann and Peter's child care setting focuses on a hands on learning experience where they teach children about nature, encourage acceptance and build empathy in children.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Joann and Peter have a great deal of strengths in their work with children. They believe their greatest strength is the ability

to relate to children and their communication skills. Joann and Peter work well together as a team. When children attend their child care, the children and their families become an extension of Joann and Peter's family. The first child they ever provided child care to over 16 years ago now visits them regularly. Joann and Peter have thorough and extensive written policies in place and have their paperwork organized for easy review. Joann and Peter have a wonderful natural outdoor play environment that includes a mud kitchen, music section and more. Joann and Peter work well with available resources, specifically Child Care Resource and Referral. They currently have numerous individuals involved with their foster placements. Joann and Peter are strong advocates for children.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Joann and Peter need to resume written verification of monthly drills.

110.8 (2) a : A safe outdoor play area is maintained in good condition throughout the year.
Joann and Peter need to remove the lawn mower from the outdoor play area prior to allowing the children to play.

Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.
Joann and Peter need to resume written verification of monthly drills.

110.9 (1) a : Within six months of becoming registered, a physical exam report documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, for all household members over the age of 18. Physical exams should be repeated every three years.
Joann and Peter both need physicals documented on required HHS forms.

110.9 (1) b : Documentation from the Department confirming record checks have been completed and authorizing or limiting the person’s involvement with child care.
Joann and Peter need HHS completed background check letter as they could not locate theirs.

110.9(4) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:
110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
110.9 (4) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
Joann and Peter need to ensure all enrolled children have updated forms (signed and dated within the last year) and current physicals and immunization certificates.

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

Joann and Peter need to send verification of the above items to Kathy by 11/24/25. Items can be emailed to kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov or texted to 563-949-6941.

Child files do not need to be sent and will be reviewed at next year's annual compliance visit.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Supervisor Aunspach accompanied this worker on this visit.

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Home Compliance Worker: Kathy Huinker Date: 10/8/2025

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 Child Care Resource & Referral of Northeast Iowa 2728 Asbury Road, #215 Dubuque, IA 52001 563-557-1628