Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Esther Cooper

Provider Name: Esther Cooper

Provider No.: 48438

Address: 900 Williams ST Unit 4, Des Moines, IA, 50317

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5157704108

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 6/2/2026

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

Esther Cooper has been a registered provider since 2017. Esther is currently a category "A" Child Development Home Provider. This allows Esther to have 6 preschool children with an additional 2 school age children at one time for a total of 8 children in care. Esther does have an assistant for her program. Esther is available 7 days a week 24 hours a day for care. Esther has several shifts of children she cares for including overnight care and on weekends. Esther does not provide transportation for families in her care. Esther does not have a substitute for her program. There are no pets in the home.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Esther is an experienced provider. Esther has a variety of toys and activities children can interact with when in her care.

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Esther is current with her required trainings as reviewed by the Registration Unit. Esther has completed Safe Sleep training, this worker reviewed the policy with Esther. Esther implements the practice when she has a child 12 months or younger in her care. There is an outside area the children can access when the weather allows. Esther uses redirection and Time Out as her behavioral interventions when needed. Corporal punishment is not used in the Child Development Home. Children in Esther's care receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate.

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, andProcedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.
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.
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) a : Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child’s name, birth date, parent’s name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child, and the parent’s work address and telephone number.
110.9 (4) b : Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city, and telephone of the child’s regular doctor, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.
110.9 (4) c : A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.
110.9 (4) d : For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child’s first day of attendance.
For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian or admission physical examination that is not more than 12 months from the child’s first day.
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.
110.9 (4) f : For each school-age child, record of a physical exam completed at the time of school enrollment or since.
110.9 (4) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
110.9 (4) h : Written emergency plans for children with allergies. Must accompany child if away from facility.
110.9 (4) i : Documentation signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.
110.9 (4) j : Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home.
110.9 (4) k : Injury report forms to document injuries requiring first aid or medical care.

1. An Emergency Preparedness Plan needs to be completed and easily accessible. This worker referred you to Child Care Resource and Referral services to assist you with completing this correction.
Have procedures in place for the following:
• Evacuation to safely leave the facility
• Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation
• Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
• Lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
• Communication plan and plans for reunification with families
• Plans for the continuity of operations
• Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

2. You need a current DHHS Medical Physical Form completed and in your provider file.

3. An individual child file needs to be completed for each child in care. A referral to Child Care Resource and Referral services to assist you with completing this correction.

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

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None

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage you to work with your Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Katie Kytola 515-631-2913) with any compliance or training efforts.

The above corrections need to be completed by 8/4/2026 and will be reviewed on your next annual compliance check.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 515-601-9469 or jake.aringdale@hhs.iowa.gov.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Jake Aringdale Date: 6/4/2026

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