

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Blanca Castaneda	County Johnson	
Care Address 2355 Nor St	City Iowa City	Zip Code 52240
Mailing Address 2355 Nor St	Mailing City Iowa City	Mailing Zip Code 52240
Phone 319-270-4260	Email	

Date of Complaint:	08/20/2025	Date of Visit:	08/20/2025
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Type of Visit

☐ Scheduled	☒ Unannounced	☐ N/A
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Compliance Regulation

☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found	☐ Compliance with Regulations Found
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Recommendation for Registration:

☒ No Changes to registration status recommended
☐ Revocation of Registration
☐ Cancellation of Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement

Category of Care:

☒ Category A
☐ Category B
☐ Category C (with no co-provider)
☐ Category C (with co-provider)
☐ Non-registered Child Care Home with CCA Provider Agreement

Complaint Details:

Did this complaint result in a serious injury?	☐ Yes	☒ No
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Did this complaint result in a death to a child?	☐ Yes	☒ No
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Summary of Complaint:

It was reported that Blanca Castandena was allowing daycare children to swim in her above-ground pool, unsupervised. The reporter sent video to another HHS employee showing what appeared to be three children playing in a pool. The video scanned the yard and the deck and no one else appeared to be in the area, supervising the children.

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

110.7 (1)a Gives careful supervision at all times.

SW Bailey and another HHS employee arrived at Blanca's home, unannounced, on 8/20/25. We spoke to Blanca about the report, and she immediately said that she knows that her neighbor turned her in and that they do not get along. Blanca was redirected to speak about the incident. Blanca stated that her friend dropped her three children off at her home, to play in the pool, while the daycare children were in the lower level, napping. The children's parent left and Blanca was in charge of their supervision, although they are not part of her child development home. Blanca said that while the children were swimming her six childcare children were napping on the lower level. Blanca said that she positioned herself, on the main level of the home, sitting by a widow to supervise the children in the pool and she had a monitor with her so she could supervise the sleeping children.

It was explained to Blanca that she was not providing careful supervision for any children in that situation. Blanca was inside the home on the main level, if a child in the pool needed assistance, she would have to go outside and down the deck stairs to help. And if any of the childcare children needed her, she was on a different floor of the home and concentrating on supervising children in the pool.

Blanca was found to be out of compliance on supervision.

Blanca reports that daycare children are not permitted to use her pool. The pool's sides are 4', non-climbable aluminum and Blanca has a safety ladder that was pulled up during the compliance visit.

110.13(1)a No more than six preschool children present at any one-time including infants.

During the reported incident, Blanca indicated that in addition to the six daycare children, she was also supervising three more children in the pool. Blanca does not have an assistant and is not permitted to care for more than 6 preschool children, plus an additional 2 school age children. As a category A child development provider, Blanca is not allowed to care for 9 children at any one time.

Blanca is found to be out of compliance on ratios for a category A child development home.

Resolution and Action Required:

Blanca signed a safety plan on 8/20/25, agreeing to not supervise non-childcare children during her own childcare hours. Blanca also agreed to not have any unapproved people in the home during daycare hours.

SW Bailey made referrals to CCR&R to assist Blanca with any compliance issues.

Consultant's Signature:	Holly Bailey	Date of Visit:	08/21/2025
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	09/19/2025