



Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Katrena Funkhouser		County Pottawattamie	
Care Address 1214 Redick BLVD		City Carter Lake	Zip Code 51510
Mailing Address 1214 Redick BLVD		Mailing City Carter Lake	Mailing Zip Code 51510
Phone 712-314-3900		Email	

Date of Complaint:	02/05/2026	Date of Visit:	02/25/2026
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Type of Visit			
☐ Scheduled	☒ Unannounced	☐ N/A	

Compliance Regulation	
☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found	☐ Compliance with Regulations Found

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	

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

Compliance staff received a concern for the childcare home of Katrena Funkhouser. The concern identified the use of vaping and vaping materials left in reach of children attending childcare. Another concern that was reported that there are many teenagers caring for children at the home while Katrena is not in attendance. There was also a statement of inappropriate conversations by the teenagers around the children in care.

A check of Kindertrack showed compliance staff that the provider has one 18 year old assistant that lives in the home. She also has three substitutes who are all 20 years of age. One of these substitutes is her daughter that lives in the home.

Compliance staff completed an unannounced visit to the childcare home. A substitute was present at the time of the visit. The substitute is a household member and compliance staff asked her about any information that she might have about vaping and vaping products in and around the home. The substitute reported that she does vape. She reported that any products she has for vaping are secured in her bedroom. The childcare children do not use her room in the home. Compliance staff looked around the living room area and did not see any items used for vaping in sight or reach of children in care. Compliance also asked the substitute to talk about where she uses the vape. She reported that she goes out to the front yard. The front yard is the outdoor play area for the children in the childcare. Compliance staff discussed with her that she would need to move from the front yard area to the side of the home for vaping during childcare hours.

The provider then returned to the home and compliance staff discussed the concerns that were identified. Compliance staff shared information that vaping is considered the same as cigarette smoking in child areas. It is not allowed. Discussion with the provider about vaping individuals to move to the side of the home during childcare hours. We also talked about items associated with vaping need to be secured and put away just like chemicals and or medications for the health and safety of children she is caring for in her home.

Compliance staff also discussed with the provider about the concern of inappropriate conversations in front of children in the home. Even though children may not understand what is being discussed, a substitute is there as a professional in a working environment. It is important to remember that the role of a substitute is extremely important and vital to the provider to maintain a quality business. Any individual working in the home should refrain from inappropriate conversations and profanity.

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

110.8(1)i Smoking and use of tobacco products prohibited at all times in the home and vehicles used to transport children. Smoking and use of tobacco products prohibited in outdoor play area during hours of operation.

**The substitute for this home that compliance staff spoke with today, has not been in compliance with this rule. Discussion with the substitute to utilize the side of the home during childcare hours. Discussion with the provider that any individual at her home who vapes will need to use the side of the home away from the child play area.

110.7(1) c Gives consistent, dependable care.

**Compliance staff cannot say that the provider is out of compliance with this measure. The provider has three substitutes and one assistant. She has this help as her back up when she has appointments or needs some time away from the childcare home. Compliance staff can only remind the provider and the substitutes that working in childcare is a professional job. Just like any office workplace, actions and conversations during worktime need to be appropriate. The job of the care provider is that they are engaging with children while in their care and continually ensuring safety for the children in the childcare.

Resolution and Action Required:

Conversations with the provider and the household member regarding vaping and vaping products in the childcare areas. The provider and her helpers or substitutes will no longer vape in the front yard of the home during childcare hours.

The provider will discuss appropriate boundaries with her helpers and substitutes for the times they are in the home during childcare hours or if they are in a substitute role for the provider. In the role of an assistant or substitute, the primary focus is on the children in care and ensuring safety during that time.

Consultant's Signature:	Stacy Burris	Date of Visit:	02/18/2026
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	02/18/2026