Health and Human Services

# Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

## CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jennifer Gist

Provider Name: Jennifer Gist

Provider No.: 51738

Address: 503 N Chestnut ST, Creston, IA, 50801

E-Mail:

County: Union

Phone Number: 6413443764

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- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 9/22/2025

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Program Type:

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

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**1. Basic Overview**

Jennifer Gist has been a childcare provider in the Creston area for 3 years. She currently has five children registered in care. There were three present at the time of the visit. The provider reported that she did have a couple more children during the summer. The provider does not have a curriculum with this age of children. She allows free play with the toys throughout the day. They will color sometimes or do other fine motor activities, but they love to be outside as much as possible. The provider is working with the Food Program. Her planned lunch for today is grilled cheese with pork spread, grapes and what ever vegetable she grabs. The provider stated that even at the younger ages, when it is safe and appropriate, she gets the kids involved with cooking and meal preparation.

**2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program**

The provider had the children outside playing on a new deck that has been built on the South side of the house. This offers a good play space for the children on nice mornings like today when the grass is still wet. There were toys and riding toys available for the children to play. They seemed more interested in the squirrels and sticks from the yard.

Compliance staff observed the provider to give direction to one of the children as they became upset that a friend had picked up something they put down. The provider was calm in her manner of talk and reminded that friends share.

The provider is IQ4K rated at this time. She is also ChildNet Certified.

**3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard**

110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.

**One child file that was observed at this visit did not have an updated physical within 14 months of the last physical. The provider reported she has handed out information to parents as to the necessary updated information that she needs for the child files.

Please continue to work with parents to receive the annual updated medical and immunization information on the children in your care.

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

**5. Special Notes/recommendations**

Compliance staff reviewed safe sleep, emergency preparedness planning and gave information regarding the July 1, 2025 legislative updates.

The provider is in need to retake the Mandatory Reporter Training.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 9/23/2025

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 Deb Martens 712-755-7381