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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: MAMA BEAR DAYCARE

Provider Name: MAMA BEAR DAYCARE

Provider No.: 52433

Address: 830 E 10th ST S, Newton, IA, 50208

E-Mail:

County: Jasper

Phone Number: 5154441411

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 10/21/2026

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

Nicole Livingston has been a registered childcare provider since November of 2024. Nicole is currently a category "B" Child Development Home Provider. This allows her to have 8 preschool children with an additional 4 school aged children at one time for a total of 12 children in care for up to 2 hours. If there are more than 8 children in care for over 2 hours a DHHS approved assistant needs to be present. Nicole does have an assistant/substitute for her program. Nicole does not provide transportation for families in her care. There are 2 pet dogs in the Child Development Home. Nicole is available for care Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 5:30pm. Nicole accepts Child Care Assistant in her program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

The home has dedicated spaces which are furnished with children's furniture, toys, books, and cribs. There are toys and objects which encourage children to develop large and small motor skills. The providers follow a structured routine which children can predict their environment and activities. The children have group activities, free-play, and access to media. There is a large, fenced backyard. The backyard is furnished with playground equipment encouraging large and small motor skill development. Nicole has completed her required trainings as reviewed by the Registration Unit. Nicole has completed Safe Sleep training; this worker reviewed the policy with her and gave her an informational flyer. Nicole will implement the practice when she has children 12 months or younger in her care. Nicole uses redirection as her primary behavioral intervention when needed. Corporal punishment is not practiced in the Child Development Home. Children in Nicole's care will receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate. Nicole is a level 2 IQ4K participant working on level 3. Nicole's paperwork is complete, organized, and easily accessible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Nicole met all requirements for this year's compliance check.

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

None.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage you to work with your Child Resource and Referral Worker (Leah Bauman (515) 202-0580) with any compliance or training efforts.

The Emergency Preparedness Plan meets Targeted Expectations.

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

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Jake Aringdale Date: 10/22/2026

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