Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Mary's Little Lambs, LLC

Provider Name: Mary's Little Lambs, LLC

Provider No.: 11378

Address: 1625 Madison AVE, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

E-Mail:

County: Pottawattamie

Phone Number: 4022164242

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 3/30/2026

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home B
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home C
- [X] Registered Child Development Home C1
- [ ] Non Registered Child Care Homes accepting CCA

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0<24 mos)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

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1. Basic Overview

Mary Field has been providing childcare services for almost 42 years. She currently has eight children in her care. The main floor of the home is used for the childcare space. This includes a large living/play room area and a bedroom for napping. When compliance staff arrived at the home some children playing with blocks and building towers and some were napping. The children told me that they like to build with the blocks. The provider reported that they had a new book this week about a bunny who lost his tail. They thought it was funny. The provider said that she keeps a basic schedule throughout the day, but the children lead play time. They get outside when they can for play. The home is set up with necessary signage and emergency routes for children and families to see.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

The provider stated that a strength she has is patience. She reported that she is also learning a lot from a PCIT class on child behaviors.

Compliance staff was able to observe the provider with the older children in care. The provider talks to the children. She uses redirection when it is necessary. Compliance staff observed the provider ask a child to scoot over just a little to allow for room where all of the children were playing. Compliance staff could see that the closeness could lead to an issue.

Compliance staff also observed the provider to follow safe sleep practices by checking on the sleeping infants during compliance visit.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites.
Form 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate, is on file.

**The provider was unable to locate one of the forms for compliance staff to see on the date of the visit. Before writing this report, the provider had sent compliance staff a picture of the form.

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

5. Special Notes/recommendations

2026 targeted compliance measure: Emergency Preparedness Plan. The provider has a completed EP plan that identifies planned actions for evacuation, shelter in place, lockdown, communication and reunification. The plan also addresses continuity of care in the event of a disaster at the location of the childcare.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 4/2/2026

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 Judea Robbins 712-579-7850