Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Megan Valen

Provider Name: Megan Valen

Provider No.: 51023

Address: 308 SE 4th ST, Ogden, IA, 50212

E-Mail:

County: Boone

Phone Number: 5153680569

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 1/7/2026

Program Type:

☐ Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)

☒ 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

☒ All Ages

1. Basic Overview

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Megan Valen on 1/7/2026. Megan has been involved in child care for 6 years. Megan is using the main floor only of her 2 story home. She had 6 countable children in care during the time of my visit, and is caring for a total of 7 at this time. Megan has no HHS-approved assistants or substitutes. She has a large fenced in back yard for her outside play area. Megan has one dog and 3 cats, all have current vet statements on file. Megan is due for her registration renewal effective 4/30/2026.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Megan now has 6 years of experience in child care and continues to gain in her confidence and comfort as a provider. She describes her strengths as being organized, and having good communications with the parents. Megan offers a basic

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introduction to simple sign language to the children. Her child care area offers good open space for the children and has a play room dedicated entirely to child care. Megan tries to introduce a lesson plan or theme every week and month with the children. Many coincide with holidays or seasons. The activities include letters, numbers, and shapes. They try to attend story time at the library when available. The children have regular outside time as weather permits.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (4) b : Procedures are in place for:Evacuation to safely leave the facility,Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation,Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where the child is when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue,Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation,Communication and reunification with families,Continuity of operations, andProcedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.
- Megan needs to re-write or enhance several sections of her Emergency Preparedness Plan to better reflect a consistent set of plans and procedures appropriate for her operation at 308 SE 4th St. (Some of her information was missing or was not up to date.) I encourage her to use the blank template I shared a copy of. This needs to be completed by 3/17/2026 and she needs to notify me when it is ready and I will conduct a re-check at her home.

110.9(1)b(1): Two hours of approved child abuse and neglect mandatory reporter training.
Certification by an approved trainer/organization in infant and child first aid and CPR.
- Megan's Mandatory Reporter training and CPR/First Aid recently expired and needs to be renewed. This will be checked by the Registration Unit when she renews her registration 4/30/2026.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

The 2026 targeted compliance of Emergency Preparedness Plans was conducted. Megan needs to make some corrections as noted in the section above.

I encourage Megan to work with Christa Jergens from Child Care Resource and Referral with any compliance or training needs.
Christa can be reached at: (515) 201-7203

Megan had one infant under 12 months of age in care who was awake during the time of our visit. Megan has pack-n-plays appropriate for napping and we reviewed safe infant sleeping policies.

6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: I conducted a re-check with provider Megan Valen on 2/23/2026. I was able to review the requested Emergency Preparedness Plan for her current address and circumstances. Megan is in compliance with the plan.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 2/23/2026

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 2/2/2026

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