Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Bridgette Magruder

Provider Name: Bridgette Magruder

Provider No.: 21475

Address: 1711 W 3rd ST, Waterloo, IA, 50701

E-Mail:

County: Black Hawk

Phone Number: 3199610643

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 3/4/2026

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

Bridgette began proving childcare in 2008. She did participate in the previous quality rating system and had achieved a level 3 rating. She does not participate in the current IQ4K quality rating system. Bridgette shared that her program is preschool based and she is willing to care for children between the ages of 2-5. Bridgette utilizes the main level of her home for childcare. She has one room set up specifically for care but also utilizes the living room as well. Bridgette does have a fenced in yard. Bridgette has 5 cats that do not regularly interact with the children. Bridgette does have one approved assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Bridgette had 6 children in care on this date. Her approved assistant was also present.

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Bridgette had nicely written policies that included much more than the 2 minimum required policies. Her documentation was organized into a file box with individual folders for each child. This organization allowed this worker to easily review her required documentation while she was able to continue to supervise the children. Her assistant was also helpful in tending to the needs of the children while this worker was present. Bridgette described much attention to detail and a strong focus on the business side of childcare. Her polices and contract and organization reflected that.

The children were engaged in free play when I arrived. They also had snack and began working on activities at the table while I was present. Both Bridgette and her assistant were observed to praise the children for their good work.

Bridgette shared that she does have structure and routine in her day that includes active play and preschool based activities as well. She frequently has themes for the week. She described her outdoor space as a classroom with various centers to include pretend planting of flowers, a mud kitchen with a stove and sink, a garden area, an area to build blocks and a library space to lounge on chairs and read.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Bridgette was in full compliance with all mandated regulatory requirements of a Registered Child Development Home.

If you have questions, you may contact me at 319-429-0749 or via email at christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Bridgette shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Bridgette shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a water table for other water play.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Category C1 provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Bridgette was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
Bridgette did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying parents in writing that the state does allow parents to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. This is a new policy effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly. We also discussed that although the state does allow the exemptions, the individual providers are not required to accept them.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 3/4/2026

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 I encourage you to work with Black Hawk County Child Care Resource and referral at 319-233-0804 if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.