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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Natalie Short

Provider Name: Natalie Short

Provider No.: 17134

Address: 904 Arkansas AVE, Ames, IA, 50014

E-Mail:

County: Story

Phone Number: 5154502259

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 8/19/2025

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

I conducted a compliance check with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Natalie Short on 8/19/2025. Natalie has been registered with the State since 2007. She provides care in a 2 story home, using the basement and a finished garage space for her child care. The basement has an egress window and required step system in place as a second exit. Natalie had 6 children in care during the time of our visit. She is due for a renewal of her registration in November of 2025. Natalie has no HHS-approved assistants or substitutes. She has a fenced in back yard for outside play. Natalie uses the Playground software system for her files and paperwork.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Natalie has significant experience in child care and years ago contracted to conduct trainings to other providers around the State. She has converted her double garage into child care space which has added an ability to set up different stations and activities for children of different ages and abilities. Natalie displays an experience working with kids to identify individual needs of the children she has in care. The children knew the routine while eating lunch during our visit. Natalie uses an early learning curriculum with her group. The kids spend lots of time outside when weather appropriate.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.9(1)b(1) "Two hours of approved child abuse and neglect mandatory reporter training."

Natalie's Mandatory Reporter training recently expired and needs to be renewed. This change needs to be in place by 9/26/2025 and will be reviewed during her next visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

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

Natalie currently has one child under the age of 12 months who was awake during our visit. We reviewed infant safe sleep policies, and Natalie has multiple cribs available for use.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 8/21/2025

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