Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tausi Nakutosa

Provider Name: Tausi Nakutosa

Provider No.: 52558

Address: 2224 Deborah DR SW, Cedar Rapids , IA, 52404

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3192106541

[X] Pre-Inspection Date: 10/14/2026

[ ] Approval Date:

[ ] Annual Visit Date:

Program Type:

[X] 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

[X] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Tausi became a Non-registered childcare provider approved to receive CCA funding in June of 2024. Today's visit was a Pre-inspection for her to become Registered. Tausi does not speak English well. She speaks Swahili. her husband Bonfils does speak English. Tausi is interested in participating in the Food program and we did discuss that as a resource. She plans to connect with the Food Program to explore that resource/benefit. Tausi is open to caring for children of all ages. She is open to caring for children all three shifts. Tausi provides childcare on the main level of her home only. She does have a fenced in back yard for outdoor play. Tausi does not have any pets. Tausi does not currently have an approved assistant or substitute, but they did express an interest in having her husband approved.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Tausi did not have any children present at the time of this PI. The current family of four that she has enrolled attends from about 2:30/3pm - until about 3am.

Tausi is willing to provide transportation to families as can be arranged and is open to caring for children all three shifts of the day.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (3) b : First-aid supplies are available and easily accessible in the home, outdoor play area, in any vehicle used to transport children, and on field trips.

Tausi did not have a first aid kit in her vehicle that she uses to transport children. CCR&R had provided them a first aid kit after the annual visit on 8/28/26 but they had not yet put it in the vehicle. Bonfils did put it in the vehicle while this worker was present.

(Although not required at a Pre-inspection, we did discuss that they also need to ensure they have a written list of children and emergency contacts in the vehicle as well.)

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, and
Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

Tausi had developed an Emergency Preparedness Plan but it needed to have a few details added. This worker did assist them in adding to the EPP while I was present.

Tausi is in compliance with the mandated Regulatory requirements for a Pre-inspection.

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

Tausi was previously on a Safety plan in regard to having too many children in care at one time give as a Non-registered provider. She has three of her own under school age. With her now becoming Registered she is allowed to have the four children currently enrolled and her three children home at the same time (since two of the childcare children are of school age).
The previous stipulation to have one of her children with a family member when the childcare children are present is no longer in effect.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Tausi does transport the childcare children. We did discuss that since she is the approved provider, she is the one that needs to be transporting the childcare children or at least be in the vehicle. We did discuss that if they want Bonfils to do some of the transportation or to be home with the two younger childcare children while Tausi picks up the two older children from school, then he will need to be approved as a substitute. Bonfils did express an interest in being approved as a substitute and they were encouraged to reach out to their local CCR&R support worker for assistance with the change application.
Tausi shared that she does not plan to ever use a swimming pool for the childcare children.
Tausi does have a trampoline that the childcare children are allowed to use so this worker has recommended they ensure that parents sign permission for the children to use the trampoline.
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 A provider.

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Tausi and Bonfils did express interest in the Food Program. They shared that they needed to ensure they had files for the children before they can get approved for that. They did have most of the files as of this date but still need to ensure that all the documentation is fully completed.
Although it is not a requirement to review children's file at the time of a Pre-inspection to become registered, Tausi is currently a Non-registered provider approved CCA so we did review the documentation that is required for all the children and they need tt ensure that they have the required documentation for all children enrolled.

Provider/adult physicals and physicals and immunization records for the household members are not required at the time of the PI. They are required within 6 months. They did already have this for three of the children and shared that Tausi and Bonfils and the three other children are scheduled to see the Doctor on 11/13/26. They will want to keep the appropriate documentation for future compliance review.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Tausi did need to make a few additions to the EPP but we did that while this worker was present and she is now in compliance with her EPP. She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
As of 7/1/25 providers are expected to notify all 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. We did discuss this at her annual visit in and added language to her policies today while this worker was present as it had not yet been completed. She now needs to ensure that her policies are provided to all the parents accordingly.

As noted above, Tausi has been an approved non-registered provider approved to receive CCA funds. They did express some concern with not getting paid for all the hours of service they provide. This worker did encourage them to reach out to the Registration unit and payment unit for some clarification as well as have the mother of the children currently enrolled, contact her eligibility unit to clarify her approved hours of care. Additionally, this worker reminded them that to accept CCA payments they are supposed to keep documentation of attendance of all children (in and out times) and this worker did provide them a form to use for future documentation purposes.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 10/15/2026

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 Rachel Bonefas with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Ravyn Phelps can be reached at 563-594-9683