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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Michelle Cooper

Provider Name: Michelle Cooper

Provider No.: 28166

Address: 1006 10th AVE PL SE, Altoona, IA, 50009

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5157074365

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 8/6/2026

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)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

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1. Basic Overview

Michelle Cooper has been a registered childcare provider since May of 2008. Michelle is currently a category "B" Child Development Home Provider. This allows her to have 8 preschool children with an additional 4 school aged children at one time for a total of 12 children in care for up to 2 hours. If there are more than 8 children in care for over 2 hours a DHHS approved assistant needs to be present. Michelle has a DHHS approved assistant for her program. There are 2 pet dogs and 4 pet cats in the home. Michelle transports childcare children to outings in the community. Michelle's availability for care is Monday through Friday from 7am to 5pm.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

The home has dedicated spaces which are furnished with children's furniture, toys, books, and cribs. There are toys and objects which encourage children to develop large and small motor skills. The provider follows a structured routine which children can predict their environment and activities. The children have group activities, free-play, and access to media. Michelle takes the children in her care to frequent activities in the community. There is a large, fenced backyard. The backyard is furnished with playground equipment encouraging large and small motor skill development. Michelle has completed her required trainings as reviewed by the Registration Unit. Michelle has completed Safe Sleep training; this worker reviewed the policy with her in case she does have an infant in her care. Michelle will implement the practice if she has children 12 months or younger in her care. Michelle uses Time Out and redirection as her primary behavioral interventions when needed. Corporal punishment is not practiced in the Child Development Home. Children in Michelle's care will receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate. Michelle's provider file and individual child's files are complete, organized, and easily accessible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Michelle met all expectations for this yearly compliance check.

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

None.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage you to work with your Child Resource and Referral Worker (Heather Sheesley 515-360-7308) with any compliance or training efforts.

The Emergency Preparedness Plan meets Targeted Expectations.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 515-601-9469 or jake.aringdale@hhs.iowa.gov.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Jake Aringdale Date: 8/6/2026

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