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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Marcela Cardenas

Provider Name: Marcela Cardenas

Provider No.: 52072

Address: 1627 E Lacona Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50320

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5154162749

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 5/26/2026

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

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1. Basic Overview

Marcela Cardenas has been a registered provider since February 2023. Marcela is currently a category "B" Child Development Home provider. This category allows Marcela to have 8 preschool children with an additional 4 school aged children for a total of 12 children at one time for 2 hours. If there are more than 8 children in care for over 2 hours a DHHS approved assistant needs to be present. Marcela does have an approved assistant in her program. Marcela does not have a substitute for her program. There are no pets in the home. Marcela does not provide transportation for families in her care. Marcela is available for care Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Marcela is current with her required trainings as reviewed by the Registration Unit. Marcela's care area in the home has educational posters on the walls. Marcela has media she can access during the day. The care area is equipped with children's toys, children's furniture, and books the children can explore when in care. Marcela has a large grassed outside area with playground equipment that encourages large and small motor development. Marcela has completed Safe Sleep training and the policy was reviewed by this worker through the translator. Marcela implements the practice when she has children 12 months or younger in her care. Marcela process behavior choices and redirects as her primary interventions when needed. Corporal punishment is not practiced in the Child Development Home. Marcela participates with the Food Program. Children in her care receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate. Marcela's provider file and individual child files are complete, organized, and easily accessible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Within six months of becoming registered, children 18 years of age or younger residing in the household must have:Admission physical exam report.Immunization certificate.For school age: Documentation of physical exam completed at time of school enrollment or since that time.

1. A DHHS Medical Physical Form needs to be completed every 3 years. You communicated you are currently working with your doctor to complete the form. When the form is completed, please text a picture of the completed form to this worker.

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 you Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Roxana Sixtos 515-202-1310) with any training or compliance 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: 5/27/2026

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