Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jennifer Ross

Provider Name: Jennifer Ross

Provider No.: 22178

Address: 419 S Jackson ST, Charles City, IA, 50616

E-Mail:

County: Floyd

Phone Number: 5152287445

[ ] Pre-Inspection Date:

[ ] Approval Date:

[X] Annual Visit Date: 6/2/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Jennifer Ross on 6/2/2026. Jennifer has been involved with child care for 19 years. She continues using the main floor only of her 2 story home. The main floor has an open floor plan with good space for the children and Jennifer keeps the environment clutter free. Jennifer had 11 children present at the time of our visit. This is her total for the summer. The 3 school age children were recent additions for the summer months and Jennifer needs to add a HHS-approved assistant to remain in compliance with more than 8 children for more than 2 hours. (She has an appointment with her CCR&R worker to get her new assistant applied for and fingerprinted.) Jennifer has one dog and has a current vet statement on file. She uses her fenced back yard as an outside play area. Jennifer is due to renew her registration effective 9/30/2027.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Jennifer has many years of experience as a provider. She describes her primary strength as "treating the kids as if they're family." She describes herself as "not strict, but structured." The children were engaged in music and then a game during the time of our visit. The children respond well to Jennifer and know the routine. Jennifer describes her curriculum as free play mixed with learning activities. The include reading time, music, and regular outside time in their routine. Jennifer participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her meals and snacks.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.9 (1) a : Within six months of becoming registered, a physical exam report documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, for all household members over the age of 18. Physical exams should be repeated every three years.
- Jennifer needs to obtain a physical for Larry to have on file. (His recently expired.) This needs to be completed using the State form I shared a copy of and needs to be renewed every 3 years.

110.9 (1) b : Documentation from the Department confirming record checks have been completed and authorizing or limiting the person’s involvement with child care.
- Jennifer was surprised by a couple of her families deciding they wanted care for their school age children over the summer last minute. This put her at over 8 children for the day and she started an assistant Lavyna Fannon to help keep her within ratio. Lavyna has not been approved by the Registration Unit with required background checks. Jennifer needs to apply to have Lavyna added as an assistant and approved by the Registration Unit. I have confirmed with CCR&R worker Shelby Hageman that she is meeting with Jennifer in the coming week to assist with the change application and fingerprinting. Jennifer needs to have this application turned in by 6/15/2026. I will check the Kindertrack system to be sure the application has been received by the Registration Unit.

110.14 (1) e : When more than 8 children are present for more than 2 hours, a DHS-approved assistant at least 14 years old is present. unless extra children are present as a result of an emergency school closing
- Jennifer is over numbers about 4 hours per day until she gets her assistant approved.

Jennifer needs to have her application for Lavyna turned in by 6/15/2026. The health statement for Larry is due by 8/15/2026 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

The 2026 targeted compliance for the Emergency Preparedness Plan was conducted. Jennifer was in compliance having a plan consistent with her current operation.

I encourage Jennifer to work with Shelby Hageman from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Shelby can be reached at: (319) 433-7760

Jennifer currently has no infants under 12 months of age in care. She has cribs for napping and we reviewed safe infant sleeping policies for future reference.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 6/4/2026

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