Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Alma Carmenate

Provider Name: Alma Carmenate

Provider No.: 27781

Address: 2750 Sheridan AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50310

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5155771332

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 4/6/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

Alma Carmenate has been a registered Child Development Home Provider since August of 2011. Alma's daughter is her substitute/assistant in her program. Alma is currently a category "B" Child Development Home Provider. This allows her to have 8 preschool children in care with an additional 4 school aged children at one time for 2 hours. If there is more than 8 children in care for over 2 hours Alma must have a DHHS approved assistant present. Alma does not provide transportation to families in care. Alma's availability for care is Monday through Friday from 6am to 5pm. There are no pets in the home at this time.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Alma is an experienced care provider. Alma's care area is clean and appropriate for providing care for families. Alma has toys and learning activities for the children in her care to engage with when in her care. There is an outside area for the children to play on when the weather allows. Alma and her sub/assistant are current with their training requirements. Both Alma and her substitute have completed Safe Sleep training and implements the practice when there is a child 12 months or younger in care. Redirection and Time Out are used as behavioral interventions when needed. Corporal punishment is not practiced in the Child Development Home. Children in Alma's care receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate. Alma's children files are complete, organized, and easily accessible. Alma's provider files are complete, organized, and easily accessible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

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

1. An Emergency Preparedness Plan needs to be completed and emailed to this worker within 30 days of receiving this letter. This worker emailed a blank fillable template of the Emergency Preparedness Plan to use. Your Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Roxana Sixtos 515-202-1310) can assist if needed.

Have procedures in place for the following:
• Evacuation to safely leave the facility
• Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation
• Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
• Lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
• Communication plan and plans for reunification with families
• Plans for the continuity of operations
• Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

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 Care Resource and Referral Worker (Roxana Sixtos 515-202-1310) with any training or compliance efforts.

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: 4/8/2026

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