Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Blanca Zambrano-Ruiz

Provider Name: Blanca Zambrano-Ruiz

Provider No.: 51021

Address: 2409 Aster AVE, Iowa City, IA, 52240

E-Mail:

County: Johnson

Phone Number: 3199301355

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 7/28/2026

Program Type:

☐ 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

☒ All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Blanca has been a registered childcare provider since February 2021. Blanca is a category B provider and she has one approved assistant/substitute, Jacqueline Shiguango. Blanca's childcare hours are 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Blanca cares for children of all ages. Blanca participates in the food program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Blanca and her assistant/substitute are both bi-lingual, they speak English and Spanish.

Blanca has a large, fenced yard for the children to play in. The yard has a play structure and a lot of ride-on/climb-on toys for the children.

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Blanca says that the children play outside, they planted seeds and do science experiments. Blanca says that she had the Fire Department come and do a presentation for the children. Blanca says that the children go to the park, read books, color, do art and they also work on ABC's and numbers.

Blanca celebrates children's birthdays with a party and a pinata.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.6 : No more children are in care than the number authorized on the registration certificate.

1. Blanca was caring for 13 children at the time of the compliance visit. Blanca was caring for the children with 2 people who have not been approved as assistants or substitutes.

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.

1. Blanca was only able to locate the face sheet of her Emergency Preparedness Plan.

110.9(2) : An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant:
110.9 (2) a : Documentation from the Department confirming record checks have been completed and authorizing or limiting the person’s involvement with child care.
110.9 (2) b : Within six months of approval, a Physical exam report documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, which is repeated at least every three years.
110.9 (2) c : Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within six months of employment.
110.14 (1) a : Not more than eight preschool children present at any one time including infants.
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

1. Blanca was caring for 13 children with 2 unapproved assistants.

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

1.Blanca is a category B provider; she will follow category B ratios at all times. Blanca will not care for more than 8 preschool children at any one time, including infants. If Blanca is caring for more than 8 children (up to an additional 4 school-aged children) for more than 2 hours she will have an approved assistant. Blanca is not approved to care for more than 12 children at any time, with or without an assistant.

2. Blanca needs to locate her EPP and assure that it is up to date and appropriate.

3. Blanca signed a safety plan on 8/20/25 agreeing to only use approved providers. During this compliance visit SW Bailey consulted, by phone, supervisor Sheila Aunspach, to discuss the repeated violation. Sheila advised for Blanca to send enough children home to be in compliance. Sheila also advised that due to Blanca signing a safety plan in 2025 and violating it at the 2026 visit, another violation will result in revocation of Blanca's registration certificate.

During the visit Blana called her approved assistant, Jacquiline, who came to the home. Blanca also called a child's parent to come and pick them up due to ratio concerns. Blanca sent home the two unapproved assistants and agreed to follow the steps to get them approved.

Blanca states that she understood the expectations and agreed to follow them at all times. Blanca understands that another violation with ratio or unapproved assistants will result in the revocation of her registration certificate.

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5. Special Notes/recommendations

Targeted Compliance: Emergency Preparedness Plan

Blanca was unable to locate the body of her EPP. SW Bailey will make a referral to CCR&R to assist Blanca with this expectation.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Holly Bailey Date: 8/7/2026

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 Lorri Hora can be reached at: 319-321-2725.