Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Luann Benson

Provider Name: Luann Benson

Provider No.: 21342

Address: 128 Niagara DR, Waterloo, IA, 50701

E-Mail:

County: Black Hawk

Phone Number: 3194644786

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 1/16/2026

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

Luann shared that she has been a childcare provider for about 40 years. She does not participate in the IQ4K quality rating system. She does not participate in the Food Program although she did describe providing well balanced meals. Luann is open to caring for children of all ages (infant through school-aged). Luann does provide care on the main level of her home and in the lower level of her home. Both levels are appropriately maintained. She does have a nice set up particularly in her lower level. Luann does have a large well- maintained yard that is fenced. Luann does have a dog. Luann's husband is an approved assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Luann did individuals present on this date cleaning her living room carpet. She was able to keep the children away from

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that area and provide appropriate supervision and care while this worker was present.

Luann's documentation for the children was organized in folders so this worker as able to easy review her documentation for the children while she continued to care for and supervise the children.

This worker observed appropriate toys and items for the children. Luann described providing a variety of activities throughout the day including crafts, books, singing and sensory items.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)h. Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Luann did not have monthly documentation of testing of her smoke detectors. (She did report that she tests them monthly)
*Luann needs to ensure that she tests her smoke detectors every month and documents those accordingly.

110.8 (3) a : All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials are secured from access by a child.
Luann did have some chemicals/cleaners in the cabinet under the sink in the lower level bathroom.
*Luann needs to ensure that all chemicals, cleaners and toxic materials are secured from access by a child at all times.
That bathroom door was locked when this worker was present but once it is unlocked and a child is using the bathroom, they would have had access to those chemicals.
Dewain did move those to a higher level out of the reach of children while this worker was present.

110.8(4) Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.
Luann did not have documentation of monthly practice of fire and tornado drills. (She did report that she practices them monthly)
*Luann needs to ensure that she practices monthly fire and tornado drills and documents them accordingly.

110.9(1)a. 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.
Luann did assume guardianship of two teens last July. She did not have physical or immunization records for them.
*Luann needs to obtain a current physical and immunization record for the two teens in her home.

110.9 (1) b : Documentation from the Department confirming record checks have been completed and authorizing or limiting the person’s involvement with childcare.
Luann did assume guardianship of two teens last July. She had not however notified the Registration unit of the change in household members to get them approved to reside in the childcare home.
*Luann needs to take steps to work with the Registration unit to get the two teens approved to reside in the home.
Luann did email the Registration unit while this worker was present about getting a change application. She did get a response from that unit while this worker was present, and they agreed to send out the necessary paperwork to her. Luann will cooperate with that unit to get all required documentation submitted accordingly.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 2/6/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

If you have questions, you may contact me at 319-429-0749 or via email at christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

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

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5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Luann shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Luann shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a sprinkler for other water play.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she allowed to care for at one time as a Category B provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Luann was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
Luann had written policies for ill children and health emergencies, but she did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying parents in writing that they are able to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. This is a new policy effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly.

Luann did have a folder for each child for easy review. She was able to locate her other documentation, but we did discuss obtaining a folder for the other documentation for easier review at future visits. Luann agreed this would be helpful for her.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 1/16/2026

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 I encourage you to work with Black Hawk County Child Care Resource and referral at 319-233-0804 if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.