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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Karen Cota

Provider Name: Karen Cota

Provider No.: 18346

Address: 2082 Hwy 76 N, Waukon, IA, 52172

E-Mail:

County: Allamakee

Phone Number: 5635685196

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 5/15/2026

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

Karen has been a registered child care provider in the state of Iowa for approximately 23 years now. Karen accepts children aged infant through school aged and is available Mondays through Fridays. Karen would consider all three shifts of care. Karen describes her child development setting as a "home feeling". Karen reports they are a play based environment where they work on readiness items like colors and ABC's and go outside as often as possible.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Karen believes her greatest strength is that she works hard to nurture the kids while they are in her care. Karen has a great deal of patience in dealing with behaviors and has demonstrated her ability to multi-task when several kids are demanding her attention. Karen participates in the CACFP food program for child care providers. Karen's home is safe and welcoming and has a large variety of toys available for all ages and stages of care.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) h : Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway.

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

Karen was missing one smoke detector in a room used to nap children. Karen put this detector back up during the visit. Nothing further required.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Targeted case compliance of Emergency Preparedness Plan completed. Plan remains up to date and accurate. No changes required.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Kathy Huinker Date: 5/18/2026

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 Teri Orr Child Care Consultant Supervisor Child Care Resource & Referral of Northeast Iowa Exceptional Persons, Inc. Teri.orr@episervice.org P (319) 433-7750 or (319) 231-9568 305 Montgomery St | Suite 2 | Decorah, Iowa 52101 | www.iowaccrr.org