Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Rooted Discovery LLC

Provider Name: Rooted Discovery LLC

Provider No.: 53139

Address: 7074 13th AVE, Keystone, IA, 52249

E-Mail:

County: Benton

Phone Number: 3194309583

[X] Pre-Inspection Date: 5/13/2026

[ ] Approval Date:

[ ] Annual Visit Date:

Program Type:

[X] 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

[X] PreSchool

[ ] School Age

[ ] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Samantha is just becoming registered for childcare in her home. She does not have prior childcare experience but did share that she has 20 years of teaching experience with the last 6 years being with 3-4 year-old preschool. Samantha is interested in participating in the Food Program and will plan to reach out the local CCR&R food program worker upon her approval of her Pre-inspection. Samantha does not intend to begin providing childcare until August and plans to care for children between the ages of 3-5. She talked of focusing on outdoor play and education. Samantha lives in the country and has various farm animals. We did discuss that those animals are separated from the children's play area. Samantha plans to provide childcare on the main level of her home but also plans to focus on outdoor activities. She has a large outdoor area for the children to play. Samantha does have 3 dogs that she reported will be kept separate from the childcare children. Samantha does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Samantha does not yet have children enrolled in care, so I did not have an opportunity to observe her interactions with children. Her home clean and organized. Samantha talked about her plans for her childcare and hopes to offer a lot of activities outdoors for the children. She plans to focus on preschool aged children.

Samantha's Emergency Preparedness Plan was detailed and nicely written.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)n. All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites.
Form 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate, is on file.
Samantha has 3 dogs that did not yet have the required annual pet exam.
*Samantha does need to have the annual pet exams for all 3 dogs on the approved HHS form prior to her Pre-insepction being approved. She needs to send pictorial verification of compliance to this worker.
Samantha did send verification of the 3 pet exams on 5/21/26. At this time, she has everything that is required for a Pre-inspection.

Although not required at the time of the Pre-inspection, Samantha's husband and two children do still need a physical and immunization record within 6 months. (Those will be verified at her annual compliance check next year.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Samantha may plan to transport the childcare children.
Samanta shared that she does not plan to use a swimming pool for childcare children.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Category A provider.
Samantha does have chickens on the property, and we did discuss that the childcare children are not allowed to eat the eggs that are not inspected by the FDA.
The chickens also should not be allowed to roam in the area where the childcare children play.
Children's files are not required at the time of the Pre-inspection but we did discuss the documentation that is required and CCR&R has provided Samantha with a binder that includes all of the required documentation.
Samantha shared that she plans to use Brightwheel to assist her with organization and business practices.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Samantha 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:
Samantha did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying parents in writing that the state does allow parents to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. This is a new expectation for providers effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly. This will be reviewed at her initial compliance check.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 5/22/2026

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 Janey Schmitt with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Janey Schmitt can be reached at 563-286-0694