Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Kerri Nielsen

Provider Name: Kerri Nielsen

Provider No.: 48197

Address: 1825 Kimball AVE, Waterloo, IA, 50702

E-Mail:

County: Black Hawk

Phone Number: 3192886012

[X] Pre-Inspection Date: 3/30/2026

[ ] 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

[ ] PreSchool

[ ] School Age

[X] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

A Pre-inspection was completed on for Kerri as she has moved to a different location. She has not provided care for the last few months while she established this home and got it set up accordingly for childcare. Kerri was initially registered in 2017. She did previously participate in the prior quality rating system and was rated at level 2. She does not participate in the current IQ4K quality rating system. She does participate in the Food Program. Kerri is willing to care for children of all ages. Kerri plans to only use the main level of the home for childcare. She does have a fenced in back yard. Kerri does have two small dogs that will be interacting with the childcare children. Kerri does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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This worker initially went to the home on 3/26/26 per Kerri's request. She wanted this worker to observe her space and let her know if there was anything else she needed to do for compliance. Since she is setting up a new location, she wanted direction on her set up. The local CCR&R support worker was also present.
There were a few items that Kerri still needed to obtain and we discussed those. She needed a water bottle for her first aid kit, and she needed 2 smoke detectors (one in the living room and one in the dining room). She also needed to update her Emergency Preparedness plan with her move. This worker was not able to observe her hot water heater and furnace on this date as this location is an Airbnb that she is currently renting until she can get back into her prior home. She did not have a key to the basement as she does not have access to that on a regular basis. Kerri contacted the owner while I was present and agreed to meet me at the home next Monday 3/30/26 to observe that space.

This worker returned on 3/30/26 and was able to observe the basement. As of that date, Kerri had completed all the items she needed for the Pre-inspction. She was still working with the Registration unit on some documentation for her change of address but from the compliance perspective, she had everything required for a Pre-inspection.

There are numerous areas of the checklist that are not required at the Pre-inspection. However, since this was a change of address and not a start- up provider, Kerri did have a lot of additional items already completed. She does have policies for responding to health-related emergencies and an illness policy. She already had files for the children, and these were organized nicely into folders and a file box.

Kerri plans to resume care beginning 4/1/26. Therefore, this worker did not observe her with any childcare children on this date.

Kerri has set up her new location. The home was observed to be very clean. She does have appropriate toys for the children. She does currently have 3 children enrolled under the age of 12 months and did have appropriate cribs for each of them.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

As of 3/30/26 Kerri was in full compliance with all mandated regulatory requirements of a Registered Child Development Home for a Pre-inspection.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Kerri shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Kerri shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool.
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.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Kerri 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:
Kerri 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.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 4/9/2026

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.