Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Snickerdoodles Daycare

Provider Name: Snickerdoodles Daycare

Provider No.: 49531

Address: 204 Main ST, Aurora, IA, 50607

E-Mail:

County: Buchanan

Phone Number: 7122230388

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 5/28/2026

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:

- [X] Infant(0<24 mos)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Elizabeth began providing childcare in 2017 and was Registered in 2018. She did report having a year prior experience in a childcare center as well. She recently graduated with her Early childhood degree. Elizabeth is rated at level 3 of the current IQ4K quality rating system. She does participate in the Food program. Elizabeth shared that she is willing to care for children from the ages of infant to Kindergarten. She does not care for school aged children. Elizabeth provides care on the main level of her home. Her living room area is set up nicely for childcare. She does utilize a couple of bedrooms on the main level for naps. Elizabeth has an area on the side of her home that is fenced for the children for outdoor play. Elizabeth does not have any pets. Elizabeth does currently have one individual approved as an assistant, but she does not play to utilize her this summer.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Elizabeth had 6 childcare children present when this worker arrived and she has two of her own that are not yet school age that count towards her numbers. The children were sitting at the table eating lunch when this worker arrived. This worker did observe a healthy well-balanced lunch.

Elizabeth has a variety of toys and activities for the children. She described structure in her day and activities that include group time as well as activities for large motor development. She described the importance of outdoor play including in the winter and requests that parents provide appropriate clothing for outdoor play in the colder months.

Elizabeth's contract and policies was well written, and she had much more than the required minimum policies. Her documentation was nicely organized into folders, and this allowed this worker to review her documentation while she was able to continue to care for the children. While this worker was present, Elizabeth transitioned the kids from lunch, to washing hands and playing for a bit before laying them down for nap.

Elizabeth shared that in addition to daily verbal communication she sends home a written sheet with parents on a daily basis. She also shared that she does a monthly newsletter. Elizabeth also shared that she completes an ASQ (ages and stages questionairre) for the kids that she sends home with parents.

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.

Elizabeth was missing smoke detectors in 2 of the bedrooms where children nap.

*Elizabeth needs to ensure she has smoke detectors in every child occupied room. Elizabth did have her husband come home while this worker was present and he installed the two that were missing. At this time, she is in compliance in this area.

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.

Elizabeth had an emergency preparedness plan, but she needs to make an addition and adjustment to her re-location site.

*Elizabeth needs to make the appropriate updates to her EPP and send pictorial verification to this worker. Elizabeth did send pictorial verification of compliance on this same date.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 6/18/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.
Please send pictorial verification of the items where specifically noted above. Elizabeth has already sent pictorial verification of the items requested.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

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Notes:
Elizabeth shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Karla shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool for the childcare children but will use a water table for other water play. Elizabeth has had an above ground pool in the past, but the childcare children do not use that. She has previously had the appropriate fencing that is required. She does plan to put the above ground pool up again, but it was not up on this date.
We did discuss Regulations associated with having a pool on the childcare property.
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 B provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. As noted above Elizabeth was out of compliance and needed to make a few minor adjustments. She has already done that and has sent pictorial verification to this worker.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
Elizabeth 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.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 5/29/2026

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 Lisa Wood with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Lisa Wood can be reached at 319-334-5900