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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Stephanie Cousins

Provider Name: Stephanie Cousins

Provider No.: 25858

Address: 400 Maple ST, De Soto, IA, 50069

E-Mail:

County: Dallas

Phone Number: 5158342024

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 9/1/2026

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

Stephanie Cousins has been providing childcare for close to 34 years. She reported to compliance staff that she has decided to retire. Her last day to provide care is December 30, 2026. During the compliance visit, there were four children in her care. She reported her numbers are consistent at around four children in care and she does have a couple of kids who occasionally come after school. The childcare is on the main level of the home. She utilizes the living room, dining room and a playroom for the children. She will use the bedroom at times when she has a younger child that needs to nap away from the other children. The provider reported that while she maintains a general schedule with the children, they mostly have free play when they are inside. She reported that she uses Carol's curriculum to encourage learning during the day. She reported she likes to assist children to be prepared for preschool.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff was able to observe the provider with the children in her care. They were just finishing lunch when compliance staff arrived. When they finished, the children went into the living room area with toys to keep active during the visit.

Stephanie reported that they love to be outside. She usually has them out early in the mornings right now due to the heat in the late mornings and afternoons.

The provider reported that she has a great relationship with the local librarian. She stated that she will contact her about the weekly curriculum and the librarian will bring books to support the learning for the week.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

The provider is in full compliance with regulation standards.

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

5. Special Notes/recommendations

2026 targeted compliance measure: Emergency Preparedness Plan. The provider has a completed EP plan that identifies planned actions for evacuation, shelter in place, lockdown, communication and reunification. The plan also addresses continuity of care in the event of a disaster at the location of the childcare.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 9/3/2026

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 Kelly Phelps 515-802-7292