Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Amanda Yerkes

Provider Name: Amanda Yerkes

Provider No.: 23861

Address: 1470 50th ST, Marion, IA, 52302

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3195500505

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/16/2026

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

Amanda initially got Registered in 2009. She did report that she was a non-Registered provider for a few years before that offering care to a couple of friend's children, while she stayed home to care for her own. Amanda shared that she was previously rated a level 2 on the old Quality rating system. She has not participated in that in some time and is not a current participant of the current IQ4K quality rating system. She does participate in the Food Program. Amanda shared that she does not take infants below the age of 1 or school aged children. She is willing to care for children ages 1-4, noting that typically once they attend preschool, she does not continue with care. Amanda provides childcare on the main level of her home and the lower level as well. She primarily uses the main level for eating and nap and the use of the bathroom. The lower level is set up as her play area. Amanda does have a fenced in yard that has some play structures for the children. It was nicely maintained. Amanda does have a dog and 2 cats. She shared that all three pets do have interaction with the children. Amanda does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

This worker arrived while the children were at the table eating breakfast. Amanda had provided cereal, waffles with peanut butter and mandarin oranges. This worker did a walk- through of the main level and lower level while Amanda continues to feed the children.
Amanda's documentation was nicely organized into a binder, so this worker was able to review her documentation, while Amanda cleaned up from breakfast. Amanda then took the children downstairs to play.
This worker did observe Amanda using positive re-direction with the children. I also observed her using gloves when she changed the diaper of a child.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Amanda was in full compliance with all mandated regulatory requirements of a Registered Child Development Home.

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

Notes:
Amanda shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Amanda shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a splash pad for other water play.
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. Amanda 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:
Amanda 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 policy 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: 2/16/2026

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 Ravyn Phelps with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Ravyn Phelps can be reached at 563-594-9683