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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Kari Bell

Provider Name: Kari Bell

Provider No.: 17114

Address: 1730 5th ST, Nevada, IA, 50201

E-Mail:

County: Story

Phone Number: 5152312357

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/24/2026

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

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Kari Bell on 2/24/2026. Kari has been involved with child care for 26 years. She continues using the main floor only of her 2 story home. Kari has a large addition room on the back side of her home where a lot of her child care takes place. She has 2 dogs and one cat, all with current vet statements on file. Kari uses a large public park just across the street from her home for her primary outside play area. She has no HHS-approved substitutes or assistants. Kari is due to renew her registration effective 3/31/2027.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Kari describes her strengths as 26 years of experience, her patience, and her good attention to the children. Kari offers very limited screen time. She describes her curriculum as free play mixed with structured activities that focus on social and emotional development. Kari promotes the development of thinking skills with her children. Kari has an educational background in education and reading. Kari keeps her numbers low, allowing for good attention to the children. She participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her meals and snacks.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Provider Kari Bell was in compliance at this time.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

The 2026 targeted compliance for the Emergency Preparedness Plan was conducted. Kari was in compliance with a plan consistent with her current operation.

I encourage Kari to work with Christa Jergens from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Christa can be reached at: (515) 201-7203

Kari has no current infants under 12 months of age in care at this time. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies for future reference.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 3/12/2026

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