Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Teresa Harris

Provider Name: Teresa Harris

Provider No.: 7667

Address: 202 S Carthage St , Exira, IA, 50076

E-Mail:

County: Audubon

Phone Number: 5156890315

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 4/29/2026

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home B
- [X] 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

Teresa Harris has been providing childcare services for 22 years. Rodney Harris joined her as co-provider 12-13 years ago. The childcare has assistance with two substitutes and also two assistants who can come to help on busy days. The providers reported they are usually full at 16 on Mondays since there is no school. Other days vary right now based upon preschool schedules. At the time of the compliance visit, there were 10 children in care. They were all playing in different areas of the home. The childcare encompasses the entire main floor of the home. The rooms are set up with different toys and play stations for the children. Younger children have a large area to move around in the heart of the living room. The providers stated that play is mostly child-led, but they will set up crafts and activities at times. The providers discussed rotating toys and children at different times to help keep them busy and engaged. The providers get the children outside as much as they can with cooperating weather. The back yard also has three areas for children to separate and play with different items or games in these areas.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff observed the providers and one substitute with the children during the compliance visit. The providers are attentive to the needs of the children. The children had no issues approaching any of the adults in the home and asking for help.

The providers believe that children learn through play. They provide opportunities with building toys or activities that help use their brains. They utilize play time and situations to talk about safety and kindness. This extends to when the children are outside playing and talking about safety while playing outside.

There are extra hands at the childcare most of the time. This is a great asset to help with the children and keep smaller groups busy with activities.

The providers believe that communication with children and parents is very important. The families become like family to the providers and want them to feel as they are part of the day and what they are doing with the children.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites.
Form 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate, is on file.

**There are two dogs, and one cat at the childcare home. The last forms signed on the two dogs was in 2024. The cat is a new addition to the family. They have an upcoming appointment, but they are also waiting for records to be transferred from the previous veterinarian.

Please have the pets seen and pictures of forms sent to compliance staff by June 29, 2026. You can send those to 712-435-0576.

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.

**The provider was sent an updated EPP form as there were a few minor changes that she needed to make.

**The provider and co-provider will need to renew their First Aid/CPR certifications by the end of July 2026. The main provider will need to update her mandatory reporter training before the end of May 2026.

**As discussed, if you want to submit a change application to make your current assistants into substitutes, they can take the Essentials training on I-Power at any time to get this completed. They will also need to have First Aid/CPR completed as well. These will need to be accomplished prior to them being able to cover for either provider.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: The providers are now in full compliance after sending necessary information in to compliance staff.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 8/17/2026

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 5/1/2026

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 Amy Brandsen 712-579-4304