Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Amber Fridley

Provider Name: Amber Fridley

Provider No.: 52533

Address: 2000 N Summercrest St, Indianola, IA, 50125

E-Mail:

County: Warren

Phone Number: 5155205346

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 9/17/2025

Program Type:

☒ Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)

☐ 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

☒ All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Amber Fridley has been a registered childcare provider for just over 1 year. Prior to opening her business she had over 5 years of experience working with children in a childcare center. Amber is utilizing Brightwheel to keep in contact with parents and is also using this for her files. Amber is interested in looking into the IQ4K program and becoming ChildNet certified. Amber is also interested to become a Category B home. The provider has her menu posted weekly and has balanced meals prepared even though she is not currently participating in the food program. The provider has a substitute and and assistant to help her if she is in need of help. The provider has a free play program. They are outside as much as they can be. On this date, they had been playing outside until it started to rain. They are hoping to go back out later if it clears up.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff observed the provider to meet the needs of each child in care. It was busy with the number of children, but there were adequate toys available for the children. There was music on in the background and overall, everything was pretty smooth. The provider asked the children to line up and show compliance staff "butterfly wings" to go to the basement. The children lined up against the wall and the provider gave them small directions to touch their nose and where to place their hands to make wings. They all followed the directions and then carefully went down the stairs.

At another point of the visit, when friends were getting antsy and wound up, the provider was able to redirect some of the attention from tugging over toys to other objects in the room. The provider has a calmness about her that creates a connection to each of the children. The only hint of frustration compliance staff saw, was with her own child as they were pushing the limits and would not follow directions.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.6 : No more children are in care than the number authorized on the registration certificate.
110.13 (1) a : Not more than six preschool children present at any one time including infants.

**The provider had ten pre-school aged children in care at the time of the visit. Preschool is not in session on Wednesdays and so two children who are usually in school were in attendance at the visit. The provider also had a family drop in for services on this date that placed her at 10. The provider had been upfront with compliance staff that she was over due to the drop in family, but after realizing that the two 4 year old's are also pre-school age, she understood that she was over by 4. Compliance staff did not see any safety issues for the children to remain in the home, but discussion about keeping track of her numbers, especially on Wednesdays. Discussion with families is also important to have communication with them before they drop off children to ensure that the provider has availability.

Child Files:
110.9 (4) d : For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child’s first day of attendance.
For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian or admission physical examination that is not more than 12 months from the child’s first day.
110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of statement of health or admission physical.
110.9 (4) f : For each school-age child, record of a physical exam completed at the time of school enrollment or since.
110.9 (4) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.

**Amber is using Brightwheel for her business. When looking through the program, most of the children had the basic paperwork filled out. But there were not physicals and immunization records for the children in care. Discussion with the provider that she can request paper copies or work with Brightwheel support to make sure that the program is accepting all necessary information from parents. We also talked about adding additional lines so that each year a physical and or new immunization records can be added.

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

5. Special Notes/recommendations

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Compliance staff discussed safe sleep, emergency preparedness planning and legislative updates that came into effect July 1, 2025.

The provider had compliance staff discuss the basement area to see if it would be adequate to have her childcare there. She would like to become a Category to a B home. At this time, she will be able to do that at her renewal in 2026. The basement has adequate space for the children to be in this area for play and nap time. There is a secondary exit in at least one of the bedrooms that has an egress window and she will be able to provide care in this space.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 9/19/2025

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