Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Julie Freeman

Provider Name: Julie Freeman

Provider No.: 24983

Address: PO BOX 403, Walford, IA, 52351

E-Mail:

County: Benton

Phone Number: 3198463245

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/25/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

Julie shared that she began providing childcare in 1988 or 1989. She described that she was a non-registered provider for several years. She shared that she got Registered with the state in 2007. She does not participate in the IQ4K quality rating system. She does not participate in the Food Program. Those are not required of in home providers. Julie shared that she will care for children from the ages of infant through school-age. Julie does provide childcare on the main level of her home and the lower level as well. Julie does have an above ground swimming pool in her yard. She does have the appropriate fencing. Jule shared that the children do not utilize that pool for the children, but she does use a baby pool at times and was aware of the safety measures and that it needs to be dumped daily. Julie does have a swing set and play structure in her yard as well. Julie does have 2 cats. She shared that they are around the children but do not interact much. Julie does not have an approved substitute. She does have 3 assistants.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Julie had five children in care on this date. She shared that these five are the only ones currently enrolled. Julie's husband is one of her approved assistants and he was present on this date. He did assist in supervising the children while Julie walked this worker through the home and shared her required documentation.

Julie has a good variety of toys for the children including items for large and small muscle development. Julie shared that she spends 1 on1 time with each child daily on educational areas. She described active play but also working on crafts, puzzles and reading books. Julie shared that she has a large bouncy house that she utilizes in the lower level of the home pretty regularly.

Julie described a closeness with the families she serves and noted that she will do a Christmas party each year for the families. She also shared that she frequently takes pictures of the children throughout the day to share with the parents.

Julie did have files for each child which made it easy for this worker to view her required documentation. Julie shared that she updates her contract/polices annually. They did include more than the two minimum polices that are required by HHS.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)a. Number for each child's parent, a person who can be reached when the parent cannot and child's physician is written on paper and readily accessible by the working telephone.
Julie did not have one child listed on her written documentation of parent, emergency contact and physician. Julie shared that this child only began this week and she was aware her written list needed to be updated.
*Julie needs to update this written list to include all of the children currently enrolled.

children's files:
110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
Julie was missing an annual physical for one child. It only expired last month. She did share that the child is scheduled for an upcoming appointment.
*Julie needs to work with the parent to obtain any missing documentation from the children's files.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 3/18/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

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:
Julie shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
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.
We also discussed that if she provides medication to any of the childcare children, she does need to document that with the name of the child, the name of medication, date, time and amount given. She also needs written authorization from the parent.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Julie was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

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Recommendations:
Julie 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.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 2/25/2026

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 Janey Schmitt with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Janey Schmitt can be reached at 563-286-0694