Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Amber Fry

Provider Name: Amber Fry

Provider No.: 49604

Address: 3020 AVE M, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501

E-Mail:

County: Pottawattamie

Phone Number: 4026302589

[ ] Pre-Inspection Date:

[ ] Approval Date:

[X] Annual Visit Date: 1/13/2026

Program Type:

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

[ ] Registered Child Development Home B

[ ] Registered Child Development Home C

[X] 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

Amber Fry has been a registered home childcare provider for six years in the Council Bluffs area. Amber does have one substitute as part of her registration who will cover mainly when she has needed appointments to attend. The provider has a degree in child development and has a certified nursing assistant degree as well. She also is currently working on an elementary education degree with an associates in teaching; she has one more class to complete before she will receive this degree. This childcare is a level 2 IQ4K registered home. The provider utilizes the majority of her home for the childcare. The main floor of the home has the kitchen and living room area for use and a bedroom is occasionally used for napping for younger children. The basement has an egress window for a secondary exit from the space. The majority of the basement is the play areas for the children. The provider has different sets of toys for the children in her care. This is also the main napping area for the childcare. There is a space for arts and crafts that is set up with small tables and chairs. The provider has all necessary signage for the home that can be easily seen by children and families. The provider also has all necessary

emergency plans and provisions for the childcare as well. Compliance staff arrived at the home when the provider was cooking lunch. There were five children in care on this date. The children were between playing on the floor with magnatiles and watching paw patrol. The provider talked with compliance staff while she was getting lunch prepared. Her hours are from 7 am to 5 pm. She reported that children start arriving just before 7:30 and are usually gone by 4:30. We talked about a day in the childcare program. The provider reported that active play is an important part of their day. They go outside daily for walks unless the weather is not cooperative. On colder days, they do not go as far. The backyard space has play equipment that is supported and stable for the children to play on.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff observed interactions between the provider and children. Compliance staff watched the children seek out the provider for help or to ask questions. The provider has a calm demeanor with the children and when she needed to redirect a child, she reminded the child of a rule that the child could not pick up their sibling. The provider then explained why it may not be safe to pick up the other child.

The provider described that she will still use time out and has a chair on each level of the home for the child to think. When appropriate time has passed, the provider will have the children apologize to other child(ren) for their actions.

The provider cooks nutritious meals for the children and provides appropriate snacks for the day. She will give extra helpings of food when requested by the children.

The provider gives ample attention to the children and ensures their safety while in her care.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

The provider was in full compliance with regulations.

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

5. Special Notes/recommendations

The provider should make a label or sign on the door where the fire extinguisher is located on the main level of the home. The wording does include visible on the regulation checklist.

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.

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Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 1/14/2026

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.

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