Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jean Benn

Provider Name: Jean Benn

Provider No.: 8096

Address: 1601 Teresa DR, Atlantic, IA, 50022

E-Mail:

County: Cass

Phone Number: 7122496550

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/3/2026

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

Jean Benn has been a childcare provider for over 33 years. She has an assistant that will help her over the summer and when school is on other breaks. The provider reported that she is considering becoming IQ4K rated. The childcare is located on the lower level of the home. There is an L shaped play area where the children spend their days playing. The provider has a table used for eating and activities. Nap time is all held on this level of the home in the play area or a bedroom. The provider also utilizes a back room for storage of alternate toys to rotate items over time. During the visit, the provider had seven children in care. She reported that one child will leave for afternoon preschool and two will get off of the bus from preschool. The home is set up with all necessary signage that is visible to children and families.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Compliance staff observed the provider with the children during the visit. The provider was attentive to the needs of the children.

The provider utilizes mostly free play for the children in care. The children set the tone for the day. There are times that she plans for specific, age appropriate crafts or activities.

The provider tries to get the kids outside as much as they can. From the childcare level, there is a door straight to the backyard. There is a play set in the yard or there are toys available for play as well.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.

**The provider was unable to locate her documentation of drills and smoke detector checks. We discussed her practices to accomplish these practices monthly. The provider was also reminded to document the dates she completes these drills.

110.8 (3) e : Provider has procedures related to infectious disease and handling of bodily fluids including blood Soiled diapers are stored in containers separate from other waste.

**The provider is in need to update her policies to include infectious disease. This needs to include the above information. You already place soiled diapers out the back door, it is also recommended to use that receptacle for bloody items or vomit. This will be reviewed at your next visit.

110.8 (4) b : Procedures are in place for: Evacuation to safely leave the facility, Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation, Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where the child is when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue, Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation, Communication and reunification with families, Continuity of operations, and Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

**The provider needs to update her emergency preparedness plan to identify her option(s) for continuity of care in the event that the childcare home is not usable for a period of time. This will be reviewed at your next compliance visit.

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 will be updated to address continuity of care in the event of a disaster at the location of the childcare.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 2/6/2026

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