Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Michelle Cook

Provider Name: Michelle Cook

Provider No.: 28182

Address: 1440 18th ST, West Des Moines, IA, 50265

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5154017480

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 7/28/2026

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

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1. Basic Overview

Michelle Cook has been a registered provider since September of 2002. Michelle is currently a category "B" Child Development Home Provider. This allows her to have 8 preschool children with an additional 4 school aged children at one time for a total of 12 children in care for up to 2 hours. If there are more than 8 children in care for over 2 hours a DHHS approved assistant needs to be present. Michelle is available for care Monday through Friday from 7am to 4:30pm. Michelle does not provide transportation for families in her care. There are 2 pet cats and a pet dog in the Child Development Home.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

The home has dedicated spaces which are furnished with children's furniture, toys, books, and cribs. There are toys and objects which encourage children to develop large and small motor skills. The providers follow a structured routine which children can predict their environment and activities. The children have group activities, free-play, and access to media. There is a large, fenced backyard. The backyard is furnished with playground equipment encouraging large and small motor skill development. Michelle has completed Safe Sleep training, and this worker reviewed the policy with her. Michelle implements the practice when she has children 12 months or younger in her care. Michelle uses redirection as her primary behavioral interventions when needed. Corporal punishment is not practiced in the Child Development Home. Children in Michelle's care receive regular meals and snacks. Melinda's provider file and individual child's files are complete, organized, and easily accessible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

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, andProcedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

1. Update your Emergency Preparedness Plan to include specific address to evacuate to if needed. Parents should be aware of these specific evacuation places..

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

None.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage you to work with your Child Resource and Referral Worker (Roxana Sixtos 515-202-1310) with any compliance or training efforts.

The above update needs to be completed within 30 days of receiving this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 515-601-9469 or jake.aringdale@hhs.iowa.gov.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Jake Aringdale Date: 7/29/2026

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