Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Mary Cross

Provider Name: Mary Cross

Provider No.: 52687

Address: 202 Hulin ST, Charles City , IA, 50616

E-Mail:

County: Floyd

Phone Number: 6412201454

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

Program Type:

- [X] 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
- [X] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category A provider Mary Cross on 7/7/2026. Mary has been involved with child care for 2 years. She continues using the main floor only of her 2 story home. Mary had 7 countable children present during our visit, and has a total of 9 in care at this time. (A couple are part time.) Mary has one HHS-approved substitute/assistant. She has an above ground pool in her back yard and needs to enhance two sides of the fencing or needs to drain the pool. She will need to send me a picture of her correction by 7/17/2026. Mary has 2 dogs and both had current vet statements on file. She uses her fenced back yard as an outside play area. Mary is due to renew by 11/30/2026.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Mary describes her primary strengths as being patient and having good communication with the children. She stays very busy as both a child care provider and licensed foster care provider, trying to meet the needs of her community. Mary describes her curriculum as mostly free play mixed with walks, coloring, music, arts, crafts, and lots of outside time. Mary participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her snacks and meals.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) h : Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway.
- Mary needs to re-mount her battery operated smoke detector in her living room.

Fence for above-ground pool is four feet high and non-climbable.
Written permission from the parents is on file.
- Mary has an above ground pool in the back yard. Two sides of her fencing meets requirements, though the other two sides were only 32 inches high. Mary needs to replace the 32 inch fencing with 48 inch fencing or drain the pool. Mary allows the child care children to use the pool in the summer. She had last year's permission slips in her children's files. She has a different pool than last year, and needs updated, signed permission slips for each children's file.

110.9(1)b(1) Certification by an approved trainer/organization in infant and child first-aid and CPR:
- Mary needs to find/obtain her current certification in CPR/First Aid to have on file. This will be verified by the Registration Unit this fall when Mary is due to renew her registration.

110.9 (3) d : Certification in infant and child first-aid that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.If they are unable to locate first aid training that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, they must complete both a first aid course and CPR.
- Mary needs to find/obtain verification of CPR/First Aid for her Substitute Douglas to have on file.

110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
- Mary needs to update one of her children's files with a current physical.

The fencing or draining for the swimming pool must be verified to me through an emailed picture by 7/17/2026. The other corrections need to be in place by 9/4/2026 and will be reviewed during her next visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

The 2026 targeted compliance for the Emergency Preparedness Plan was conducted. Mary was in compliance having a plan consistent with her current operation.

I encourage Mary to work with Shelby Hageman from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Shelby can be reached at: (319) 433-7760

Mary currently has no infants under 12 months of age in care. She has pack-n-plays for napping and we reviewed safe infant sleeping policies for future reference.

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6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: Mary emailed me pictures of the new pool fencing on 7/9/2026 as requested. No further follow-up necessary at this time.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 7/27/2026

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 7/9/2026

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