

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Tenea Harris	County Scott	
Care Address 4085 Utica Ridge Rd	City Bettendorf	Zip Code 52722
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Phone 309-292-5341	Email	

Date of Complaint:	08/04/2026	Date of Visit:	08/04/2026
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Type of Visit

☐ Scheduled	☒ Unannounced	☐ N/A
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Compliance Regulation

☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found	☐ Compliance with Regulations Found
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Recommendation for Registration:

☒ No Changes to registration status recommended
☐ Revocation of Registration
☐ Cancellation of Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement

Category of Care:

☐ Category A
☒ Category B
☐ Category C (with no co-provider)
☐ Category C (with co-provider)
☐ Non-registered Child Care Home with CCA Provider Agreement

Complaint Details:

Did this complaint result in a serious injury?	☐ Yes	☒ No
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Did this complaint result in a death to a child?	☐ Yes	☒ No
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Summary of Complaint:

It is alleged that on 7/28/2026 9 year old was touched over the clothing on the vagina by a 12-year-old peer while they were at their in-home daycare with Tenea Harris. There is no information that Tenea was aware of any prior sexual acts by the peer.

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

Code of Iowa, Chapter 237A

141 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 110

441 IAC 110.7(1)The provider meets the following requirements: a. Gives careful supervision at all times. b. Frequently exchanges information with the parent of each child to enhance the quality of care. c. Gives consistent, dependable care. Is capable of handling emergencies. d. Is present at all times, except if emergencies occur or an absence is planned. If absence is planned, care is provided by a HHS-approved substitute. If absence is planned, the parents are given at least 24 hours prior notice.

An unannounced visit was completed on 8/4/2026 to discuss the concerns reported to HHS. Tenea reported that the incident in question occurred the previous Tuesday, 7/28/26, during naptime. Tenea reported that her approved assistant Delia was also present this day. Tenea reported that she had younger children downstairs and her approved assistant Delia had two older children upstairs and a child sleeping in the front room on a cot. The school aged children were in a separate room playing video games on their personal devices. Tenea and Delia described that the girls were on a bed laying in opposite directions - one with head on top and other with feet on top. Tenea reported she went upstairs to use the restroom and told one of the girls to get her stuff ready as the parent would be arriving shortly to pick up. Tenea and Delia reported that the girls were in the room for approximately 20 minutes with the door opened. Neither Tenea or her approved assistant were in the room with the school aged children providing supervision. The assistant was in the front of the house with a sleeping child and Tenea was in the lower level of the home with the younger children in care. As Tenea came out of the restroom, the 9 year old came out of the room and told Tenea that the other girl 'touched her'. The child's mother pulled up just as the child was talking about what reportedly occurred. The child demonstrated that the other child 'did this to me' -grabbing at her clothing/pants and pulling or stretching it out and almost 'snapping' it back. No contact underneath clothing was reported. Tenea discussed this with both girls. Tenea also discussed this with the parents of both involved children. The parent of the child who stated they were touched over clothing wanted the other child terminated from Tenea's care. Tenea stated that she would ask the other child to not come back since once school is back in session, the child would only be here on school out days. Ultimately, the parent of the 9 year old child who reported being touched pulled all six of her children from Tenea's care. Tenea did not terminate care of the 12 year old child.

On 8/4/2026, this worker spoke with the parent of the child who was reportedly touched. This parent stated she has had some concerns with Tenea's care through the years, including a physical injury that occurred while playing outside back in 2024. Tenea did complete and share an incident report with the parent regarding this. Additional concerns in 2024 according to the parent including children wrestling at child care and Tenea needing to separate children in care. This parent shared text messages between Tenea and herself from that time frame. The parent stated that the officer involved in the recent incident closed his case due to the other parent not returning their call. This worker has attempted to reach the officer on two occasions and has not had a return call yet.

Tenea reported that these girls have had occasional squabbles before - ie. who sits in the front, who gets a specific chair in the child development home, etc.. This incident occurred on 7/28/2026. Prior to the child complaining of being touched over her clothing, Tenea reports it was a great day between those two children - there were no issues. Tenea informed this worker that she has never had any incidents involving inappropriate touching by this 12 year old. The two were the oldest children in care and often became argumentative with each other, but no other concerns were noted. Tenea reported that there was no camera in the room that the girls were gaming in. This room was typically used as a sick room or transition room for children in care.

A new safety plan was completed on 8/4/2026 with Tenea. This plan states that Tenea will provide eyes and ears supervision to children at all times. Tenea will keep children on same level of home at all times and remain on that level with them at all times. Tenea has camera in place for added protection in child occupied rooms. Tenea understands cameras do not replace active supervision. If Tenea is aware of concerns in children that place others at risk, Tenea will ensure safety at all times even when she steps away to the restroom, etc... There is a previous safety plan from 2/2026 regarding similar concerns. The previous plan allowed Tenea to be on one level of the home while the assistant was on the other level of the home. This was discussed with Tenea and explained that clarification has occurred and the children must all be on the same level of the home at all times. Tenea understood and stated she would rearrange her downstairs to better accommodate all ages of children at the same time.

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This worker called Tenea on 9/4/2026. Tenea reported that she has not had any further contact with the parent of the child who was reportedly touched since this all occurred approximately one month ago. As stated above, the parent pulled all six of her children from Tenea's care shortly after this incident. Tenea reported that the other child is back in school and Tenea only drops her off at school daily. Tenea is still caring for this child. Tenea reported that she has rearranged the basement of the home to ensure safe supervision to all children at all times.

Findings:

There is a preponderance of evidence to support the concern that Tenea failed to provide appropriate supervision. The school aged children were in a separate bedroom away from the provider and were awake, requiring active eyes and ears supervision at all times. Neither Tenea nor her approved assistant were in the room with the children providing supervision.

Resolution and Action Required:

A new safety plan was created with Tenea on 8/4/2026.

Tenea has rearranged her basement level of the home where the majority of child care is provided to ensure safe supervision for all children at all times.

Consultant's Signature:	Kathy Huinker	Date of Visit:	08/24/2026
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	09/02/2026