Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Brittany Franken

Provider Name: Brittany Franken

Provider No.: 40499

Address: PO BOX 133, New Hartford, IA, 50660

E-Mail:

County: Butler

Phone Number: 3194644425

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 4/28/2026

Program Type:

☐ 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

☒ All Ages

1. Basic Overview

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Brittany Franken on 4/28/2026. Brittany has been involved in child care for 13 years. She continues using the main and lower level of her ranch style home. This home is now designated for child care only as Brittany now lives at a different location. Her basement level has an egress window and step system to serve as her second exit. Brittany had 5 children present during our visit, and cares for a total of 7 at this time. A couple of the kids are part time. Brittany currently has no HHS-approved assistants or substitutes. She is due to renew her registration effective 12/31/2026.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Brittany now has the entire home available for child care, offering multiple rooms and spaces that can be used for different

activities. She is currently working on becoming an IQ4K approved provider and has regular contact with her CCR&R worker. Brittany describes her strengths as patience with the children and her comfort in managing chaos. She strives to help the children identify and appreciate the differences in other children and what makes each of us unique. Her curriculum involves a "hands on" learning approach and explores activities in whatever topics they are working with. Brittany offers regular outside time anytime weather permits. She participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her meals and snacks.

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.
- Brittany could not locate a copy of her Emergency Preparedness Plan during our visit. She needs to find or develop a working copy of the plan. I suggest that she use the blank template I shared with her.

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

Brittany needs to complete the Emergency Preparedness Plan by 6/30/2026. She can email me a copy of the plan or can contact me to conduct an in person visit to review the plan. earl.crow@hhs.iowa.gov
The other correction needs to be in place by 7/10/2026 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. Brittany could not locate a copy of her plan and needs to email me a copy of the plan or schedule a time for a re-check so that I can review the plan by 6/30/2026.

I encourage Brittany to continue working with Katie Cruise from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Katie can be reached at: (319) 530-5265

Brittany had one infant under 12 months of care during our visit who was awake. We reviewed safe infant sleeping policies.

6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: Provider found and emailed me a copy of her Emergency Preparedness Plan on 7/6/2026 as requested. No further follow up at this time.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 8/27/2026

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 5/8/2026

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