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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jennifer Cash

Provider Name: Jennifer Cash

Provider No.: 11466

Address: 173 15th AVE, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

E-Mail:

County: Pottawattamie

Phone Number: 7123283816

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 8/18/2026

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:

- [X] Infant(0<24 mos)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

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1. Basic Overview

Jennifer Cash started providing childcare services in 1997. The provider reported that she will have 5 to 6 children in care daily. Currently, there were 6 children in care. The provider discussed how her numbers would be changing in the next week with school starting. She reported that she does not plan to take any more children into her care. When compliance staff arrived, the children were playing on the living room floor. The provider had two 1 year old's with stranger danger and they were very upset by the visit of this worker. Compliance attempted to not pay attention to the children focusing on the provider, but it didn't really help. The childcare is held on the main level of the home. The children are mainly in the living room for play. The provider does have a bedroom area where some of the children sleep. The other children will nap or rest in the living room.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff observed the provider with the children. She maintained a calm demeanor and talked with the two littles who were crying due to the visit. She used redirection with them both and eventually one of the children started playing with toys again. The provider used redirection and talking with children when a couple of them started to run in the area. She reminded them of walking feet and that they could run into another child. The provider shared that a while back, one child needed a couple of stitches after running and falling against a corner. She said they will talk about not getting hurt like that child. The provider reported that her general disciplinary rule is three warnings and then they have to sit by her. Most of the time, a warning is enough for the children to stop unwanted behaviors.

The provider reported she wants families to see her care as a home away from home. She reported that she keeps the children busy with toys, music and outdoor play. Currently her age range in care is 1 year to 4 years old. She reported she likes to have children start as babies and care for them until they leave for school.

The overall observation of the home environment is clean and organized. The provider had all necessary documentation for compliance staff during the visit.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

The provider was in full compliance with regulation standards.

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 also addresses 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: 8/21/2026

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 Judea Robbins 712-579-7850