Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Loretta Gates

Provider Name: Loretta Gates

Provider No.: 26377

Address: PO Box 41472 , Des Moines, IA, 50311

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5152056734

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 10/6/2025

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

Loretta Gates began as a non-registered provider. In October of 2022 she changed to be a registered category "A" Child Development Home Provider. Being an "A" category provider she is allowed to have 6 preschool children with an additional 2 school aged children at one time. Her available hours of operation are 24 hours a day 7 days a week. There are no other household members in the home and she does not have an assistant or substitute. We had a conversation regarding persons not approved by DHHS cannot be in the home when there are Child Development Home children present.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Loretta's hours of availability allow her to care for families with non-traditional schedules. Loretta is current with her

required trainings, reviewed by the Registration Unit. Her renewal date is September of 2026. Loretta has completed Safe Sleep training and implements the practice when she has infants younger than 12 months. Children in Loretta's care receive regular meals and snacks. There is a nearby park that is accessible for the children to play at when the weather permits. Lorretta does transport children when needed. Loretta did have all the required postings up on her walls, including her Registration Certificate. Loretta communicated she accesses her

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

All travel vehicles must have a paper copy of emergency parent contact information.
All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites.
Form 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate, is on file.
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.
110.9 (1) a : Within six months of becoming registered, a physical exam report documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, for all household members over the age of 18. Physical exams should be repeated every three years.

1. The children's individual emergency contact information needs to be in the vehicle used to transport children. You had the information in the home, please copy the information and have a copy in the car.

2. DHHS Pet Forms need to be completed each year and in the provider file.

3. Please update your Emergency Preparedness Plan with a specific address to evacuate to and ensure the families know the information.

4. A DHHS Medical Form needs to be completed every 3 years and in your provider file or easily accessible. I left a blank form for you to take to your medical provider.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage you to work with your Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Traci Honold 515-802-8163) with any training or compliance efforts.

The above corrections need to be completed by 12/10/2025 and will be reviewed on your next annual compliance check.

If you have any questions regarding this compliance 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: 10/6/2025

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