Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tausi Nakutosa

Provider Name: Tausi Nakutosa

Provider No.: 52558

Address: 2224 Deborah DR SW, Cedar Rapids , IA, 52404

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3192106541

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 8/28/2026

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
- [X] Non Registered Child Care Homes accepting CCA

Program Population Served:

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

1. Basic Overview

Tausi became a non-registered childcare provider approved to receive CCA funding in June of 2024. Her first annual compliance check was completed in September of 2025. This worker did stop by for an attempted annual check on 8/18/26. As noted below, Tausi was out of compliance with the number of children allowed and a safety plan was developed on that date. The full annual inspection was not completed that day. This worker did return with the CCR&R support worker on 8/28/26 and the annual check was completed on that date. An interpreter was available by phone. Tausi does not speak English well and speaks Swahili. Her husband Bonfils does speak English. Tausi only took her first kids for enrollment in the past month. Tausi is not a participant of the Food program, but we did discuss the program and benefits and she is interested in getting more information. Tausi is open to caring for children of all ages and willing to provide care for all three shifts. Tausi provides childcare on the main level of her home only. She does have a fenced in yard for outdoor play. Tausi does have a trampoline in her back yard and it was noted that the childcare children do use that. It was recommended

that they obtain written permission from the parents for the children to use that. Tausi does not have any pets. Tausi does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Although Tausi did not have the items required in her vehicle when she transports childcare children (written emergency numbers, no smoking sign and first aid kit) she has been willing to help out the mother of the children enrolled by transporting them to and from childcare.

Tausi is open to providing childcare for first, second, and third shift care.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

120.8(1)a. Number for each child's parent, a person who can be reached when the parent cannot and child's physician is written on paper and readily accessible by the working telephone.
Tausi did not have a written list of children, parent contact, emergency contact and physician. Tausi did have a form for documentation of this information but it was blank.
*Tausi needs to put in writing a list of her children enrolled, parent contact, an emergency contact and the physician for each child.
Tausi needs to send pictorial verification of compliance to this worker when completed.

120.8(1)a All travel vehicles must have a paper copy of emergency parent contact information.
Tausi did indicate that she does provide transportation for the current children in care to and from the childcare. She does not have a paper copy of emergency parent contact information in her vehicle.
*Tausi needs to ensure that she has a paper copy of emergency parent contact information in her vehicle and she needs to send pictorial verification of compliance to this worker.

120.8(1)h. Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Tausi did not have any documentation of monthly testing of smoke detectors. (She does have a form for documentation purposes)
*Tausi needs to ensure that she tests all the smoke detectors monthly and documents those accordingly.

Nonsmoking signs are posted at every entrance of the home and in every vehicle used to transport children. Signs include telephone number for reporting complaints, and www.iowasmokefreeair.gov
Tausi did not have a no-smoking sign in her vehicle she uses to transport children.
*Tausi needs to obtain a no-smoking sign for her vehicle, and she needs to send pictorial verification of compliance this this worker.

120.8 (1) o : Injury report forms are maintained for any injury requiring first aid or medical care. The forms are completed on the date of occurrence, shared with parents, and copies are in the child's file.
Tausi could not locate the binder with forms that had been provided to her after last year's annual inspection. CCR&R support worker Ravyn agreed to follow up with the provider and provide her another binder with all the required and recommended documentation/forms.

120.8 (3) b : First-aid supplies are available and easily accessible in the home, outdoor play area, in any vehicle used to transport children, and on field trips.
Tausi did have a first aid kit but did not have on in the vehicle she uses to transport children. The CCR&R worker did provide her another First aid kit on this date.
*Tausi needs to ensure that she has a first aid kit in her vehicle and she needs to send pictorial verification of compliance to this worker.

The first-aid kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.
Tausi did not have the required disposable tweezers.
*Tausi needs to ensure that she has all the required items in her First aid kit.

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120.8(40a. Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.

Tausi did not have any documentation of practice of monthly fire and tornado drills. We did discuss the importance of practicing these. (She does have a form for documentation purposes)

*Tausi needs to ensure that she is practicing fire and tornado drills every month and documenting those accordingly.

120.8 (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, and
Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

Tausi could not locate her EPP. She did not have that today or at the time of her annual compliance visit last year. However, after last year's annual inspection the local CCR&R support worker at that time (Ashley) did follow up with her to assist in coming into compliance in numerous areas. They did develop an Emergency Preparedness Plan but they could not locate it today.

*Tausi needs to locate or re-develop an Emergency Preparedness Plan and she needs to send pictorial verification of compliance to this worker. She also needs to maintain that documentation in a location where it is accessible for future compliance visits.

120.9(1) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.

Tausi did not have any documentation for the 4 children she currently has enrolled in care. (Tausi has previously been provided the documentation that is required but could not locate any of those required forms on this date.) The CCR&R support worker (Ravyn) agreed to email those forms to them on this date (which was completed) and agreed to come back in a week or so to meet further and provider them another binder with all the required forms and documents.

*Tausi needs to obtain and maintain a file for each child enrolled and she needs to keep it available for future compliance visits.

Each file contains:
120.9 (2) a : Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child’s name, birth date, parent’s name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child, and the parent’s work address and telephone number.
120.9 (2) b : Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city, and telephone of the child’s regular doctor, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.
120.9 (2) c : A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency medical and dental treatment.
120.9 (2) d : An admission physical examination report signed by physician or clinic designee.
120.9 (2) e : A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of admission physical.
120.9 (2) f : Documentation signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.
120.9 (2) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
120.9 (2) h : Written emergency plan for children with allergies. Must accompany child if away from facility.
120.9 (2) i : Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child care home.
120.9 (2) j : If a child meets definition of homelessness, required medical documentation is obtained within 60 days of enrollment.

As noted above, Tausi did not have any children's files on this date. The forms have previously been provided to her, and requirements were discussed again on this date. The CCR&R worker did email Tausi on this date the forms required for each child's file and agreed to come back on 9/16/26 for further support and discussion.

At the drop by on 8/18/26 the following was out of compliance:
120.6 No more than five shall receive care at any one time. May have a 6th child is one is school age.

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A provider's own infants and preschoolers are counted. A provider's own school age children are not counted.

As noted above, this HHS compliance worker initially stopped by the home on 8/18/26 in the afternoon for the annual compliance visit. A woman answered the door and shared that neither Tausi nor Bonfils were home. This worker introduced myself and that I was here for the annual visit. She welcomed this worker and Ravyn (CCR&R support worker) into the home. There were several children present who were later identified as Tausi and Bonfils own children. The woman was later identified as Bonfil's sister who is reportedly at the home daily. Tausi and Bonfils arrived home shortly after with 4 childcare children with them. Only one child was school age at that time and they had 4 children of their own not yet school age that count towards numbers. At the initial visit in September of 2025 they were advised that with their own children, they could only take 2 children into care and that was if at least one was school-age. However, they recently enrolled four children with only one being one being school age at the time of enrollment. Thus, on that date (8/18/26), they had 8 children in care with only one being school-age.

We did develop a safety plan on that date, and a complete annual inspection was not completed. This HHS compliance worker and the CCR&R support worker agreed to come back the following week to talk further and complete the annual inspection. On 8/28/26 Tausi did not have any childcare children in care in the morning (they come 2nd shift) and we did discuss the safety plan and reviewed the modified safety plan that had been sent on 8/19/26 but not yet signed.

120.8(1)h. Each smoke detector has been installed according to manufacturer's recommendation.
This worker and CCR&R support worker did hear one of the smoke detectors beeping. The batteries needed to be replaced.
Upon return to the home for the full compliance visit on 8/28/26 this area was in compliance.

Tausi and Bonfils were also directed to have Bonfil's sister approved to be around childcare children if she is going to be at the home regularly during childcare hours.
*Tausi needs to do a change application to get Bonfil's sister approved to be around the childcare children, or she needs to not be present during childcare hours.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (ideally by 9/18/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.
Tausi does need to send pictorial verification of compliance of the items where specifically noted above to christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov or text to 319-429-0749.
Additionally, the CCR&R support worker will do a follow up.

After last year's annual inspection, Tausi was supposed to send pictorial verification of many items and did not do so. This worker had to reach out several times to get the verification that had been requested. This worker again clarified today that although Ravyn (CCR&R support) does plan to follow up with them, it is her/their responsibility to follow through with compliance verification. They agreed that they understood.

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

A safety plan was developed on 8/18/26 and Tausi did agree and sign that.
on 8/19/26 this worker spoke to Bonfils on the phone about a correction and modified plan. A modified safety plan was sent on that date via email, and the provider was asked to sign and return. As of 8/28/26 that had not yet been returned. This worker took another copy of the modified safety plan on 8/28/26 and reviewed it accordingly. Tausi did sign it at that time.

8/18/26 safety plan
Safety concerns:
Over numbers – 8 today that count towards number and only allowed 6. Had 6 non-school age plus 2 school agers. Currently has to count 4 of her own children as have not yet started Kindergarten.

Tasks which assure safety and are done by, for how long, and how often:

1. One of their own children, plus one of the childcare kids will start Kindergarten next Tuesday 8/25/26 and will then not count towards numbers.

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2. Until school starts on Tuesday 8/25/26, Tausi will arrange for 2 of her own younger children to stay with their aunt during the 2nd shift childcare hours. (effective today 8/18/26)
3. Tausi agrees to abide by expectations/regulations of childcare regarding the number of children allowed.

How plan is monitored:
HHS can do unannounced follow ups (and a visit is scheduled for 8/28/26)

Back-up plan: HHS may seek revocation if the safety plan is not followed.

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8/19/26 modified safety plan:
Safety concerns:
Over numbers – 8 today that count towards number and only allowed 6. Had 6 non-school age plus 2 school agers. Currently has to count 4 of her own children as have not yet started Kindergarten.

Tasks which assure safety and are done by, for how long, and how often:

1. One of their own children, plus one of the childcare kids will start Kindergarten next Tuesday 8/25/26 and will then not count towards numbers.

2. Until school starts on Tuesday 8/25/26, Tausi will arranged for 2 of her own younger children to stay with their aunt during the 2nd shift childcare hours. (effective today 8/18/26)
3. Tausi agrees to abide by expectations/regulations of childcare regarding the number of children allowed.

Modified 8/19/26 – Tausi and Bonfils need to contact the parent of the 4 children ASAP and notify her that they are only able to care for 3 of the 4 children moving forward. Once their own child starts Kindergarten next week they still have 3 children of their own that count toward the numbers allowed and are only able to care for 3 additional children and that is with the expectation that one of those children is school age. If they cared for all four childcare children plus their own 3, they would still have 7 children and are only allowed a maximum of 6.
- Tausi and Bonfils may seek an Exception to Policy to allow them that extra child but until such time that is approved, they need to comply with the number of children allowed which is only 6.
- Per phone conversation on 8/19/26 Bonfils agreed to take steps and to notify this HHS compliance worker by tomorrow of the plan to be in compliance with numbers.
How plan is monitored:
HHS can do unannounced follow ups (and a visit is scheduled for 8/28/26)

Back-up plan: HHS may seek revocation if the safety plan is not followed.

On 8/19/26 this worker did call Bonfils to discuss the modified safety plan. He agreed to take steps to have an extra child of theirs stay with his sister while the childcare children were present until such time an Exception to policy could be granted. On 8/28/26 the modified safety plan was signed by Tausi. At that time, they had submitted an ETP to allow them one extra childcare child to be able to serve the family of 4. We again reviewed the need to follow the safety plan until such time that an ETP is granted.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Tausi shared that she does currently transport the childcare children to and from home.
Tausi shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool for the childcare children.
Tausi does have a trampoline in the back yard and it was noted that the childcare children do use it. It was recommended that they get written permission for the children to use the trampoline.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Non-registered provider.

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Tausi did express and interest in the Food Program and the CCR&R support worker agreed to make a referral accordingly.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. As noted above, this was an area where Tausi was out of compliance at last year's annual check and she could not locate it on this date. Tausi needs to either locate the one she did eventually develop, or she needs to develop a new EPP. She needs to send pictorial verification of compliance and maintain that with all her other records for future compliance visits.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
As of 7/1/25 providers are expected to notify all parents in writing that the state does allow parents to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. We did discuss this at last year's annual inspection, but Tausi could not locate that on this date. Tausi needs to put something to this effect in writing, and she needs to provide that to parents in writing. Tausi needs to send pictorial verification of compliance to this HHS worker since it was not completed after last year's inspection.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 8/31/2026

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 I encourage you to work with Ravyn Phelps with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Ravyn Phelps can be reached at 563-594-9683