Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Karen Martin

Provider Name: Karen Martin

Provider No.: 46729

Address: PO BOX 186, Dexter, IA, 50070

E-Mail:

County: Dallas

Phone Number: 5159714477

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 7/31/2026

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

Renee (Karen) Martin has been providing childcare services for 37 years. She reported that she normally has around five children in care and they are all preschool aged children. During the visit there were five children in care. All were playing with toys in the living room and playroom area. The provider has some bins out and available for the children to play with and then she will rotate bins with additional bins in her storage closet. The childcare is on the main level of the home. There is a good sized playroom that is connected to the living room that creates necessary space for the children to play and actively move around. The provider reported that play is child-led. She will offer suggestions at times, but mostly they will choose their toys and play. They have been outside in the shaded back yard as much as they could be. The children really enjoy being outside and running around the yard.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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The provider is interactive with all of the children in her care. Compliance staff observed the provider ensure that all children had an area to play and something to play with. She redirected the children when necessary and they easily followed directions and moved on to new items. The provider uses conversation with the children in a mild tone to speak to them.

The children easily sought out the provider for help and assistance. They were inquisitive of why compliance staff visited the home. The provider reported she has a great group of children in her care.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.

**The provider did not start recording when she completes the monthly drills and smoke detector checks following the last compliance visit in 2025. We had discussed using her calendar keeper. She reported that she had a form that she was going to start, but just never did. To be in compliance with this standard, the provider will need to document when these physical actions are completed. A form will be sent to the provider that can be utilized. You will need to start documentation for August 2026 and have this up to date at the time of your next compliance visit.

110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.

**The provider continues to struggle with necessary child file paperwork. Three files were looked at during the visit and there were two that did not have updated physical information for the children. Please continue to work with your families to receive all necessary paperwork for the children in your care. A reminder that physicals are needed annually for children in your care. When children visit their physician, parents can give you a copy of the visit summary from that annual visit. This is an approved form of medical documentation. If you have any questions about what is needed in the files, please reach out to myself or CCR&R. Child files will be reviewed at your next compliance visit.

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.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 8/4/2026

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 Kelly Phelps 515-802-7292