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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jennifer McDonald

Provider Name: Jennifer McDonald

Provider No.: 52821

Address: 1912 S 8th ST, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501

E-Mail:

County: Pottawattamie

Phone Number: 7123092725

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 10/21/2026

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:

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

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1. Basic Overview

Jennifer McDonald has been registered as a childcare provider for over 1 year. She reported that she has not had in children in her care since she registered. The provider is looking to help families who may need part time care during the evenings or even some weekend time. The provider reported that she is considering to make her childcare a full time childcare. The childcare encompasses the entire home. Each area has space for children to use while in her care. There is a large fenced in area for children to run and play outside. The provider maintains a clean and organized home environment.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff asked the provider to describe what time in childcare would look like in her home. She reported that she does not plan to maintain any sort of a strict schedule. She reported that she will work with the families to ensure that she is modeling the routine of the family at home.

The provider wants families to feel like this is a second home for their child. Communication is very important to the provider.

She stated that if the childcare would move to a full time childcare, she may look at more of a schedule. We discussed that many providers have a general schedule for the day, but most providers report to compliance staff that it is rare to follow the schedule daily. She plans to build her program around the children she has in her care.

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.

This is a reminder that you will need to renew your registration before the end of April next year. Your First Aid/CPR certificate will expire at the end of December 2026 and needs to be renewed.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 10/21/2026

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