Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tabitha Scheffert

Provider Name: Tabitha Scheffert

Provider No.: 16796

Address: 1424 Reed ST, Grinnell, IA, 50112

E-Mail:

County: Poweshiek

Phone Number: 6417819021

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 3/31/2026

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [X] 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

1. Basic Overview

Tabitha has been a registered childcare provider since June 2009. Tabitha is a category B childcare and her hours are 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Tabitha accepts children of all ages. Tabitha has one assistant, Delilah. Tabitha's childcare is located on the main level of her home. The older children play in an open room right off of the dining area, and the younger children play in the living room. Tabitha participates with the food program and with CCR&R.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Tabitha was caring for 8 children at the time of the compliance visit. The preschool aged children were playing a game together in the room off of the dining area and the younger children were playing with toys in the living room. An infant was observed, awake, in a bouncy seat and another infant was observed sleeping, in a safe sleep environment.

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Tabitha says that the children really enjoy story time and singing songs. Tabitha has a large, fenced yard with both a large play structure and a smaller play structure for the toddlers.

Tabitha likes to provide a "home" environment for the kids, and she believes in play-based learning--less structure. Tabitha says that she has "fantastic" relationships with parents, she has a Facebook page that she keeps updated and shares photos. Tabitha says that the children do crafts and activities for the holidays, they recently made heart shaped pizzas for Valentine's Day.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.

1. One of Tabitha's smoke detectors was beeping during the compliance visit, indicating a low battery.

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.

1. Tabitha did not have current, annual exams for two of her pets.

110.8 (3) a : All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials are secured from access by a child.

1. Prescription medications were observed in a living room side table, accessible to children.

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

1. Tabitha's Emergency Preparedness Plan was reviewed and found to be incomplete.

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

1. Tabitha will test all smoke detectors monthly and change batteries as needed.

2. Tabitha will get annual exams for all household pets, on form, 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate.

3. Tabitha needs to assure that all medications and toxic materials are inaccessible to children. *Tabitha sent a text photo on 4/2/26 showing that she moved all of the medication to a high cupboard, out of reach of the children.

4. Tabitha needs to update and complete her EPP.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Targeted Compliance: Emergency Preparedness Plan

SW Bailey will make a referral to CCR&R to assist Tabitha with completing and updating her Emergency Preparedness Plan.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Holly Bailey Date: 4/2/2026

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 Brenda O'Halloran can be reached at: 641-820-1923.