



Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Tricia Trampel		County Boone	
Care Address 503 10th ST		City Boone	Zip Code 50036
Mailing Address 503 10th ST		Mailing City Boone	Mailing Zip Code 50036
Phone 515-357-9124		Email	
Date of Complaint:	02/26/2026	Date of Visit:	03/13/2026
Type of Visit			
☐ Scheduled ☒ Unannounced ☐ N/A			
Compliance Regulation			
☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found ☐ Compliance with Regulations Found			
Recommendation for Registration:			
☒ No Changes to registration status recommended ☐ Revocation of Registration ☐ Cancellation of Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement			
Category of Care:			
☒ Category A ☐ Category B ☐ Category C (with no co-provider) ☐ Category C (with co-provider) ☐ Non-registered Child Care Home with CCA Provider Agreement			

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Complaint Details:

Did this complaint result in a serious injury? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Did this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Summary of Complaint:

I conducted a combined complaint and full annual compliance check with Registered Child Development Home Category A provider Tricia Trampel on 3/13/2026. Another HHS worker familiar with the complaint was also in attendance at our visit.

The Department received a complaint that Tricia had accidentally left a child alone in her home when she left to take other children to school. The child left the home, and was later secured by law enforcement.

Tricia self reported this complaint, fully acknowledging the unintentional lapse in careful supervision. She described to us the timelines and actions she took, once she had realized what had happened. Upon realizing she had left the school age child in her home, she quickly made numerous and appropriate phone calls to get an immediate response to secure the child. This included her own call to 911 to have law enforcement assist. The child was safely secured within a mile of the home.

Listening to Tricia describe the events of that morning, she included times when she had gone into a Casey's store to get a soft drink, leaving kids in the van parked where she could see it for a couple of minutes. She mentioned helping to transport 3 neighborhood children to school with her own child care school runs. We discovered there were occasions when this placed her caring for more than her allowed 8 children. Tricia admitted she didn't understand how those children counted in her numbers since she wasn't receiving pay for this. The other HHS worker and myself reviewed several adjustments to her practices and routines that would be necessary if she wanted to continue doing child care. Tricia was receptive and agreeable to the adjustments.

Tricia appeared honest and open about the incidents surrounding this complaint. She talked to us about her immediate attention to better head counts anytime she is leaving the home with children. She showed us her camera use, and how this helped her to reconstruct the events of that day. Tricia was agreeable to signing a safety plan in the coming weeks to confirm her attention to these adjustments in her practices.

Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

110.7(1)a "Gives careful supervision at all times."

110.7(1)c "Gives consistent, dependable care."

- Tricia failed to conduct a head count and accidentally forgot a school age child at home when she left to make a school run. The child left the home and was safely picked up by law enforcement. Tricia admitted she has stopped to get a drink at Casey's, leaving kids locked in her van when she goes inside. Tricia has demonstrated non-compliance in dependable care and careful supervision with these incidents.

110.6 "No more children are in care than the number authorized on the registration certificate."

- Tricia disclosed she had been regularly picking up three neighborhood children to include in her school runs not realizing they be considered in her numbers. These three children put her over the 8 children allowed as a Category A provider, and out of compliance at times.

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Resolution and Action Required:

Careful supervision, dependable care, and allowable numbers of children in care were reviewed with Tricia by myself and the other HHS worker. Tricia agreed to several modifications of her practices including no more school transporting for neighbors, never leaving a child unattended in a car, and has implemented a much more regular and rigorous number count anytime leaving the home.

I will be following up in 2 weeks with a safety plan to formalize the agreed upon adjustments to her operation, staying within allowable numbers, and her careful attention to future supervision. (Tricia is closed for spring break next week.)

A full annual compliance check was conducted during the same visit. Tricia needs to obtain a current vet statement for her cat, which has been addressed in a separate report.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: I conducted a complaint re-check with provider Tricia Trampel on 3/27/2026. We again reviewed supervision and numbers. Tricia signed my safety plan and it has been uploaded to CRIS. No further follow-up at this time.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 3/27/2026 1:41:52 PM

Consultant's Signature:	Earl Crow	Date of Visit:	03/13/2026
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	03/27/2026