Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Momma Matties Child Care LLC

Provider Name: Momma Matties Child Care LLC

Provider No.: 26584

Address: 1054 16th ST, Des Moines, IA, 50314

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5154193590

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/18/2026

Program Type:

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

MattieLou Bates has been a registered Child Development Home Provider since June of 2009. Currently MattieLou is a category "C2" CDH Provider with RaMaiya Whitfield as her co-provider. There is also an approved assistant, ReNay Whitfield, in the program. MattieLou does not provide transportation for the families in her care. Being a "C2" category provider the Child Development Home can have 14 preschool children present with an additional 2 school agers for a total of 16 children at once, when both providers are present. If there is only one provider present, there can be 8 children present at one time, no more than 8 children.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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MattieLou identified the following strengths for her Child Development Home: MattieLou tries to individualize each child's needs in her program according to their development needs and encourages growth in those areas. MattieLou conducts group activities such as Arts/Crafts. MattieLou identified she communicates effectively with her families in care, encouraging the families to work on things at home to advance the child's developmental skills. There is an outdoor space in the backyard with appropriate equipment which encourages large and small motor skills. MattieLou uses "Think about it steps (Quite Time)" and redirection as her main behavioral interventions. It was observed during the compliance check both providers create a structured environment which the children respond to regarding activities. Corporal punishment is not practiced in the Child Development Home. MattieLou participates with the Food Program, the children in her care receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate. MattieLou's required paperwork is posted throughout the Child Development Home. MattieLou's files are organized, complete, and easily accessible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

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.
110.8 (3) a : All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials are secured from access by a child.
110.8 (5) a : Provider shall follow safe sleep practices as recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age.
Infants are placed on back to sleep.
No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding is allowed in sleeping area.

1. Each pet in the Child Development Home needs a DHH Vet Pet Form completed by a qualified Vet each year and in the provider file.

2. Child locks need to be on any space containing medicines, poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials. The upstairs bathroom needs child locks.

3. Safe Sleep must be practiced at all times when having a child 12 months or younger in care. See below.

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

A Safety Plan was signed by each provider which states both providers will practice Safe Sleep with children 12 months or younger. When this worker arrived unannounced for the compliance check, it was observed a 12 month and 10-month-old child was sleeping in Pack and Plays with blankets, stuffed animals, and feeding bottles. There was also a large blanket hanging on the side of one of the Pack and Plays.

A referral has been made to Heather Sheesley of CCR&R, to follow up on Safe Sleep policy and give information on how to take the Safe Sleep Training. It is expected each provider including the approved assistant re-take the Safe Sleep training and provide certificates of completion to this worker within 30 days of receiving this compliance letter.

The provider has shown growth over the past few years with organization, structure, and providing a clean safe environment. If Safe Sleep is not practiced by all caretakers at all times it will result in the provider's registration and provider agreement being revoked.

There will be unannounced drop in visits by HHS to confirm Safe Sleep is being practiced.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage you to work with your Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Heather Sheesley 515-360-7308) with any training or compliance efforts.

The above corrections need to be completed by 4/25/2026 and will be reviewed on your next annual compliance check unless otherwise noted.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 515-601-9469 or jake.aringdale@hhs.iowa.gov.

The Emergency Preparedness Plan meets HHS Targeted Expectations.

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6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: The below is an email from the Child Care Nurse Consultant who met with the providers 3/9/2026.

  I met with MattieLou Bates and RaMaiya Whitfield this morning and reviewed the safe sleep checklist. We discussed each point on the check list. I also gave them Safe Sleep brochure from UnityPoint and the Des Moines Healthy Start Project. They were both very engaged, took notes and asked questions.

  Thank you for allowing me to help.
  Juli
  Juli Bretz

  Child Care Nurse Consultant

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 3/9/2026

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Jake Aringdale Date: 2/19/2026

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