Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Sweetheart Home Day Care LLC

Provider Name: Sweetheart Home Day Care LLC

Provider No.: 49213

Address: 2022 Merle Hay RD, Des Moines, IA, 50310

E-Mail:

County: Polk

Phone Number: 5155081090

[ ] Pre-Inspection Date:

[ ] Approval Date:

[X] Annual Visit Date: 4/15/2026

Program Type:

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

[ ] Registered Child Development Home B

[X] 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

Martha Garcia-Rivas has been a registered Child Development Home Provider since November of 2017. Martha is currently a category "C" Child Development Home Provider. Martha's availability for care is Monday through Friday 6am to 10pm. Martha does not have a substitute or assistant for her program. There are no pets in the home currently. Martha does not provide transportation for families in her care.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Martha is an experienced provider. Martha is current with her required trainings as reviewed by the registration unit in March of 2026. Martha's care area is furnished with furniture appropriate for childcare. She has 3 baby cribs for infants

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when needed. There is a large, fenced area in the backyard with a variety of playground equipment that encourages large and small motor skill development. Martha follows a daily routine with the children. Martha has completed Safe Sleep training and implements the practice when she has children 12 months or younger. Martha uses redirection and Time Out as her primary behavioral interventions when needed. Corporal punishment is not practiced in the Child Development Home. Martha participates with the Food Program, children in her care receive regular meals and snacks as appropriate. Martha's individual child files are complete, organized, and easily accessible. Martha's provider file is complete, organized, and easily accessible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

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

1. An Emergency Preparedness Plan needs to be completed and easily accessible. This worker emailed a blank fillable template to use. Your Child Care Resource and Referral worker can assist with this if needed.

Have procedures in place for the following:
• Evacuation to safely leave the facility
• Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation
• Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
• Lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
• Communication plan and plans for reunification with families
• Plans for the continuity of operations
• Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

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

None.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage you to work with your Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Roxana Sixtos 515-202-1310) with any compliance or training efforts.

Please scan this worker a copy of the Emergency Preparedness Plan when completed with 30 days of receiving this letter.

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

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Jake Aringdale Date: 4/15/2026

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