Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Brenda Schmitz

Provider Name: Brenda Schmitz

Provider No.: 21715

Address: PO Box 151, Gilbertville, IA, 50634

E-Mail:

County: Black Hawk

Phone Number: 3196101581

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 1/8/2026

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:

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

1. Basic Overview

Brenda has been a Registered childcare provider since 1990 (35 years). She assisted her sister with childcare for 1.5 years prior to that. Breanda does not currently participate in the IQ4K quality rating program but did previously participate in the prior quality rating system. Brenda does participate in the food program. Brenda is willing to care for children infant - through preschool age. She is willing to care for school aged children if she has had that child when they were younger. Brenda has a spacious back yard for outdoor play. Brenda does not have any pets. Brenda has a split-level home. She provides care on the main level and lower level of the home. She does utilize a bedroom in the upper level for naps only. Brenda does not have any approved assistants or substitutes.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Brenda's home is nicely maintained, and she has appropriate space for children to play. The children were playing nicely upon this worker's arrival with one baby sleeping. l was able to observe safe sleep with a baby sleeping in a pack-n-play with no blankets or toys.
I did observe positive interactions between Brenda and the children while I was present.
Brenda did share that she has a variety of play activities for the children including items for small muscle development and large muscle development. She does have books as well. At times she will do crafts with the children, but it depends on the age group she has in care.
Brenda had her documentation organized so this worker was able to review for compliance while Brenda was able to continue to supervise and care for the children.
Brenda has more than the 2 minimum required policies in her contract.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Brenda was in full compliance with all mandated regulatory requirements of a Registered Child Development Home.

If you have questions, you may contact me at 319-429-0749 or via email at christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
Brenda shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Brenda shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a sprinkler, a water table and other water play.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
Brenda is aware of the number of children allowed to care for at one time as a category B provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted Compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Brenda was in compliance with her EPP. She was encouraged to review it at least years to assure there are no changes that need to be made.

Recommendations:
Brenda had written policies for ill children and health emergencies, but she did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying parents in writing that they are able to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. This is a new policy effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly and ensure that her parents have been notified accordingly.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 1/8/2026

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 I encourage you to work with Black Hawk County Child Care Resource and referral at 319-233-0804 if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.