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Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tausi Nakutosa

Provider Name: Tausi Nakutosa

Provider No.: 52558

Address: 2224 Deborah DR SW, Cedar Rapids , IA, 52404

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3192106541

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 9/10/2025

Program Type:

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

☐ 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

☒ All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Tausi became a Non-Registered childcare provider approved to receive CCA funds as of June 2024. This is her first annual compliance check. She does not currently have any children enrolled in care. She did share that she had cared for a few children last year, but they were not approved for CCA funding, so she stopped providing care. She has not had any children in care this calendar year but hopes to provide care in the future. Tausi does not participate in the IQ4K quality rating system and is not a participant in the food program. Tausi speaks Swahili but her husband does speak English and shared that he is present in the home most of the time.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Tausi is fairly new to childcare and had not taken steps to review childcare Regulations or to come into compliance with Regulations. However, the home was clean, and she has sufficient space to provide childcare to a few children in her home. There were no observed chemicals or unsafe items observed in the home. Tausi and her husband did identify a willingness to take steps to come into compliance with childcare Regulations.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

120.8(1)a Emergency numbers posted for police, fire, ambulance, and poison information center.
Tausi did not have this information documented or posted. This worker did provide her a copy of a form to use for documentation purposes.
*Tausi needs to ensure that she has emergency numbers posted for fire, police, ambulance, and poison information near a phone. She needs to send pictorial verification to this worker when posted.

120.8(1)a Number for each child's parent, a person who can be reached when the parent cannot and child's physician is written on paper and readily accessible by the working telephone.
Tausi does not currently have any children enrolled but she did provide childcare last year and acknowledged she did not have this documentation. This worker did provide her form to use for future documentation purposes.

120.8(1)b. All accessible electrical outlets are safely capped or are tamper-resistant electrical outlets.
Not all outlets were capped.
*Tausi needs to ensure that all accessible outlets are capped.

120.8 (1) g : Has not less than one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
Tausi did have a fire extinguisher on the main level of the home where she plans to provide childcare, but it was not the appropriate size.
*Tausi needs to obtain a size 2A-10BC rated fire extinguisher and send pictorial verification to this worker.

120.8 (1) h : Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway.
Tausi did not have a smoke alarm in the living room, kitchen or 2 bedrooms that may be used for childcare.
*Tausi needs to install smoke alarms in each child occupied room and send pictorial verification to this worker.

120.8(1) H. Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Tausi does not currently have children in care but did last year and had not documented the monthly testing of smoke detectors. She did have the form for documentation purposes.
*Tausi needs to ensure that she is testing smoke alarms monthly and documenting that accordingly.

Nonsmoking signs are posted at every entrance of the home and in every vehicle used to transport children. Signs include telephone number for reporting complaints, and www.iowasmokefreeair.gov
Tausi did not have any no smoking signs posted at entrances. She did have one sign in a binder but it was not posted.
*Tausi needs to obtain another no-smoking sign and have signs posted at entrances. She needs to send pictorial verification to this worker.

120.8 (1) o : Injury report forms are maintained for any injury requiring first aid or medical care. The forms are completed on the date of occurrence, shared with parents, and copies are in the child's file.
Tausi did not have this form accessible if needed. This worker did provide her a copy of the form for future use if needed.

120.8 (3) b : First-aid supplies are available and easily accessible in the home, outdoor play area, in any vehicle used to transport children, and on field trips.
The first-aid kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.
Tausi did not have a First Aid Kit.
*She needs to obtain a First aid kit and needs to have the minimum required items. Tausi needs to send pictorial verification to this worker.

120.8 (4) a : Emergency and disaster plans for fire and tornado are written and posted by primary and secondary exits.

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The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes in case of fire, a safe place indoors in case of tornado, and flood shelter areas.

Tausi did not have emergency plans developed or posted at her primary or secondary exit. She did have a form to use for documentation purposes.

*Tausi needs to develop an emergency plan for fire and tornado and post those at the primary and secondary exit. She needs to send pictorial verification to this worker when developed and posted.

Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.

Tausi does not currently have children in care but did last year and had not documented the monthly practice of fire and tornado drills. She did have the form for documentation purposes.

*Tausi needs to ensure that she is practicing fire and tornado drills monthly and documenting that accordingly, once she has children enrolled in care.

120.8 (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.

Tausi did not have an Emergency Preparedness Plan. This worker did provide her a copy of a form to use for development of a plan, and an example form of the type of information required in each section of the plan.

* Tausi needs to develop an Emergency Preparedness Plan and send pictorial verification to this worker.

120.9(1) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:
120.9 (2) a : Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child, and the parent's work address and telephone number.
120.9 (2) b : Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city, and telephone of the child's regular doctor, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.
120.9 (2) c : A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency medical and dental treatment.
120.9 (2) d : An admission physical examination report signed by physician or clinic designee.
120.9 (2) e : A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of admission physical.
120.9 (2) f : Documentation signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.
120.9 (2) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
120.9 (2) h : Written emergency plan for children with allergies. Must accompany child if away from facility.
120.9 (2) i : Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the childcare home.

Tausi does not currently have any children enrolled. However, she did report that she had cared for children for a short time last year and did not have any documentation or files for those children and did not appear to know what she is required to have. This worker did provide her the various forms/documentation that is required for each child's file.

This was Tausi's first annual compliance inspection since being approved to receive CCA assistant last summer. Upon learning of her approval last summer, this worker did mail her a letter and a copy of the checklist listing out all the Regulations. They were also provided the contact information for their local CCR&R support. Tausi and her husband did acknowledge receiving that letter but had not taken active steps to come into compliance. This worker did ask if they had yet connected with their local CCR&R support worker for assistance and they reported they had not. This worker did however see a letter that had been sent to them outlining some of the basic Regulations and providing the contact information for CCR&R. This worker did ask them to immediately contact Ashley Cram form CCR&R for support in coming into compliance and they agreed to do so.

Due to the numerous Regulations in which she was out of compliance, a follow up check will be completed within bout 45 days. The above corrections should be made within 30 days and will be reviewed at the follow up visit. However, this

worker is requesting you send pictorial verification of the items where specifically noted above. Pictorial verification of the items noted above can be sent to christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov or text to 319-429-0749. I will review all areas of non-compliance a the follow up visit as well.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Notes:
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to have in care. Tausi has 3 children of her own that are not yet in school and those 3 do count towards the number of kids she can care for at one time.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
Tausi did share that she does not plan to transport children
Tausi and her husband did share that they might utilize a pool in the future for childcare children and we did discuss the Regulations of that in a childcare home.

Recommendations:
Tausi needs to contact her local CCR&R support worker for assistance in coming into compliance with all Regulations and so she can discuss and understand that the Regulations are.
This worker did provide the family with a copy of the entire checklist for reference of the Regulations. They were encouraged to review that thoroughly.

6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: At the time of the annual compliance check on 9/10/25, Tausi was out of compliance with numerous regulations. This was her first annual check since becoming a non-Registered provider last year. Due to the number of non-compliance areas it was agreed that a follow up check would be completed.

  CCR&R did meet with the provider to offer some assistance in coming into compliance.

  This HHS compliance worker did a scheduled follow up check on 12/5/25 and Tausi had taken steps to come into compliance in all areas.

  Tausi does not currently have any children enrolled. She does have another job outside of the home but indicated that when she begins childcare, she will plan to quit that job in order to be available for childcare.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 12/8/2025

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 9/11/2025

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 Ashley Cram with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Ashley Cram can be reached at 563-362-8224.