Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Kerri Nielsen

Provider Name: Kerri Nielsen

Provider No.: 48197

Address: 107 Candlewick RD, Waterloo, IA, 50703

E-Mail:

County: Black Hawk

Phone Number: 3192886012

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 10/15/2026

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

Kerri has been a home childcare provider since 2017. She is a Category A provider. She also has 14 years of experience as a special education teacher and 3 years as a preschool teacher. She was previously rated at level 2 of the prior QRS quality rating system but is not a participant of the current IQ4K quality rating system. She does participate it the Food Program. Kerri shared that she primarily cares for children ages birth to five but may consider school aged children. Kerri provides care on the main level of the home. She does have a fenced in back yard for outdoor play. Kerri does have 3 dogs that do interact with the children. Kerri does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Kerri had 3 children in care on this date. The two toddlers were engaged in free play. This worker did observe Kerri to appropriately redirect one child and tend to the infant accordingly.

Kerri had her documentation organized into one area for easy review of compliance. Her policies included much more than the required minimum.

Kerri described that she works with the children on ABC's and numbers and shapes regularly. She did have a variety of toys for the children.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(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.
Kerri had this documentation, but it did not have one child listed.
*Kerri needs to update this written list to include all of the children enrolled in care.

110.8(1)h. Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Kerri did not have this documentation.
*Kerri needs to ensure that she tests her smoke detectors monthly and documents those accordingly.

110.8(1)n. 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.
Kerri has three dogs and all three pet exams had expired recently. She did share they are all scheduled to see the vet for updated/annual pet exams at the end of this month.
*Kerri needs to ensure that she has annual pet exams annually and on the approved HHS form.

110.8(3)b. The first-aid kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.
Kerri did not have a water bottle with her first aid kit. She did add that while this worker was present.

110.8(4)a. Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.
Kerri did not have this documentation. She did report that she practices them monthly but had not documented them.
*Kerri needs to ensure that she practices fire and tornado drills monthly and documents those accordingly.

110.9 (1) b : Documentation from the Department confirming record checks have been completed and authorizing or limiting the person's involvement with childcare.
Kerri could not locate this documentation.
*Kerri will have her renewal soon and is encouraged to maintain this letter that should be sent to her at renewal for future verification.

110.9(4) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.
Kerri had a file for each child, but they had not been updated annually.
*Kerry needs to ensure that families review the documentation annually and sign and date accordingly.

Each file contains:
110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
Kerri was missing an updated/annual physical for two of the children in care.
*Kerri needs to work with the parents to ensure she has all the required documentation for each child's file.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 11/5/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

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

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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:
Kerri shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Kerri shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool for the childcare children.
We did discuss safe sleep policies.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Category A provider.
Kerri has been utilizing this current childcare location since March of this year. her home is being rebuilt, and she hopes to return to that location by the end of this month. A Pre-inspectin will need to occur at that location when she moves back.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Kerri was in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
As of 7/1/25 providers are expected to notify all parents in writing that the state does allow parents to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. We did discuss this at last year's annual check, and she did have appropriate language in her policies that she does provide to parents.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 10/15/2026

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 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.