Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tricia Ellis

Provider Name: Tricia Ellis

Provider No.: 16738

Address: 1312 Summer ST, Grinnell, IA, 50112

E-Mail:

County: Poweshiek

Phone Number: 6419902991

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 3/31/2026

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:

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

1. Basic Overview

Tricia has been a registered childcare provider since March 2009. Tricia is a C1 provider with no assistants or substitutes. Tricia's childcare hours are 6:45am to 4:45pm, Monday through Friday. Tricia accepts children ages 4 months to 5 years old. Tricia's childcare is located in the lower level of her home, with stairs to an egress window. Tricia has a full kitchen in the lower level, just for the childcare.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Tricia says that she is very sensitive to children's feelings and has a lot of patience. Tricia describes herself as a "homebody" who loves children. Tricia enjoys the "teaching" aspect of childcare and says that she has great communication with families. Tricia is also very organized.

Tricia is part of the food program, she works with CCR&R, she uses the Brightwheel childcare software and she is working on IQ4K.

During the compliance visit, Tricia was caring for 6 children. The children were observed watching a children's t.v. show, "Danny Go", dancing and playing with magnitiles. Tricia says that she follows a daily curriculum on Brightwheel and the children earn learning certificates. Trica values reading, so she works with the children on letters and words. Tricia says that the children enjoy other activities such as "Master Chef Monday" they help prepare a recipe, and she has field trips come to the childcare. Tricia said that recently a baby lamb came to visit, as well as the police, a fire truck and an ambulance.

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

1. Tricia needs to update her Emergency Preparedness Plan with current contact information.

110.9 (1) a : Within six months of becoming registered, a physical exam report documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, for all household members over the age of 18. Physical exams should be repeated every three years.

1. Tricia's husband, household member, does not have a current physical.

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

1. Tricia will update contact information on her Emergency Preparedness Plan.

2. Tricia will have current (every 3 years) provider physicals in file for all household adults, on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Targeted Compliance: Emergency Preparedness Plan

Tricia's EPP was reviewed and she will update contact information.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Holly Bailey Date: 4/2/2026

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 Brenda O'Halloran can be reached at: 641-820-1923.