Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Alexa Rinderknecht

Provider Name: Alexa Rinderknecht

Provider No.: 52697

Address: 2508 Falcon Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52402

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3195213006

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/27/2026

Program Type:

- [X] 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:

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

1. Basic Overview

Alexa became a Registered childcare provider in December of 2024. She did share that she also worked in a childcare center about 2.5 years and worked as an assistant in another childcare home for about 1 year. Alexa is not a participant of the IQ4K quality rating system, but she already appears to provide high quality care, and we did discuss this as an option to consider in the future. Alexa is aware that this is not a requirement and she is aware that she can contact her local CCR&R agency if she chooses to pursue that in the future. She does not participate in the Food Program but did report that she provides all the basic food groups to the children. Alexa has her lower level of her home set up specifically for her childcare. That is the only level of the home utilized for childcare. Alexa's yard is not fenced but it is well maintained, and she has a good size yard for the children and outdoor play. Alexa does have a dog that does interact with the childcare children. Alexa does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

There were four children present at the time of this worker's visit. Alexa shared that she does also care for one preschool-aged child on days when there is no pre-school.

This worker did observe Alexa lay an infant down for a nap and she did follow safe sleep practices.

This worker did observe Alexa redirect the children appropriately and encouraged them to share. Her interactions with the children were very appropriately and she presented as very nurturing.

Alexa has a variety of toys for the children, and her day includes free play, circle time where they work on the calendar, letters, emotions and she had books for reading time. She also descried activities of singing and dancing and she had a tunnel the children can climb through as well. Alexa presented as very attentive to quality care.

Alexa's lower level of her home is set up for all her childcare needs. It is set up nicely and was observed to be clean and well organized.

Alexa's policies were nicely documented, and she had more than the 2 minimum required policies. She does have the family review those yearly and sign accordingly.
Her files for the children and all of the required documentation were well organized. She had all her items in one binder and each child, and area had it own's section. That made it easy for this worker to review her documentation while she did continue to interact and supervise the children accordingly.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Alexa 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:
Alexa shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Alexa shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a sprinkler or water table for other water play.
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.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Alexa 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:
Alexa did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying 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. This is a new policy effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 3/2/2026

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 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