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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Melanie Reed

Provider Name: Melanie Reed

Provider No.: 48892

Address: 831 Wilson AVE, Ames, IA, 50010

E-Mail:

County: Story

Phone Number: 5152307079

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 7/3/2025

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:

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

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1. Basic Overview

Melanie Reed is a CDH Category B provider living in central Ames. Melanie has a two story home with a basement though uses only the main floor for her child care operation. Melanie has been registered with the State since 2017. Melanie had 6 children in care during the time of my unannounced compliance check. She has one approved substitute/assistant and is in the process of trying to add a new assistant. Melanie is able to provide care to any age of children.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Melanie was within allowable numbers of children during our compliance check. She displayed good multi-tasking abilities during the time I was present. Melanie was able to communicate and assist me with the compliance check while also serving breakfast to 4 toddlers and feeding 2 infant twins. The group was planning to walk to the local public library following my visit. Melanie has cribs available for the 2 infant twins. Melanie's files were organized, trainings were up to date, postings were current, and she is in the process of her 2 year certification renewal. Melanie has good control of her environment and frequently uses an assistant even if her numbers don't require it.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

N/A

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

I encourage Melanie to continue working with Christa Jergens from Child Care Resource and Referral for any ongoing compliance or training needs. Christa can be reached at: (515) 201-7203

I reviewed safe infant sleeping policies with Melanie. She has adequate cribs available for her 2 infants under 12 months.

Melanie is currently working with the Registration Unit to renew her certification as a Category B provider.

Melanie has 3 cats that are due for their vet renewal later this month. The appointments have been scheduled.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 7/3/2025

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