Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Darla Johnson

Provider Name: Darla Johnson

Provider No.: 11376

Address: 611 Simms AVE, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

E-Mail:

County: Pottawattamie

Phone Number: 7123101987

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 5/12/2026

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

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1. Basic Overview

Darla Johnson has been providing childcare services for 26 years. The provider reported she normally has eight children, but one is ill today. Childcare is open from 6:45 to 5 pm. The childcare is located on the main floor of the home. The children play off of the kitchen area. This area is set up with books and toys. Most of the day is spent in this area. When compliance staff arrived to the home, the children were playing and picking up to get ready to go outside. The provider has a general routine for the children daily, but mostly the children lead play. There are times for reading and quiet time, but a lot of play time. This group is a busy group and most were very curious about the visit from compliance staff. Compliance staff observed that there is an identified helper. The helper gets all the shoe containers for each friend and hands them out before they head outside. Each child is encouraged to put their own shoes on to get ready to go. This helps teach independence.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff was able to observe the interactions between the provider and the children. They all call her Gigi. There is a feeling of family within the group and when asked, the provider reported that she does not care for any of her grandchildren. She is very personable with each child.

The provider is calm and direct with the children when there is an issue. If someone needs a thinking time, she will set a timer and then talk to the child after the timer has gone off. She uses redirection to try to avoid a thinking time, but that does not always work.

The provider reported that they are now outside daily. The warmer weather and sunshine get them outside so the children can run and play.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

The provider was in full compliance with regulation standards.

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

5. Special Notes/recommendations

2026 targeted compliance measure: Emergency Preparedness Plan. The provider has a completed EP plan that identifies planned actions for evacuation, shelter in place, lockdown, communication and reunification. The plan also addresses continuity of care in the event of a disaster at the location of the childcare.

**The provider reported that she had to recently update a couple of phone numbers on her plan. The provider pointed out to compliance where she had made the changes, but she did not have the updated copy printed out just yet. This will be reviewed at the next compliance visit.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 5/15/2026

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 Judea Robbins 712-579-7850