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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Natalie Short

Provider Name: Natalie Short

Provider No.: 17134

Address: 904 Arkansas AVE, Ames, IA, 50014

E-Mail:

County: Story

Phone Number: 5154502259

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 6/11/2026

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

I conducted a compliance visit with Registered Child Development Home Category B provider Natalie Short on 6/11/2026. Natalie has been involved in child care for 30 years. She continues using her climate controlled garage, and the basement level of her 2 story home. Natalie's basement has an egress window and step system to serve as her 2nd exit. Natalie had 5 children in care during our visit and she has 7 total in care at this time. She has no HHS-approved assistants or substitutes. Natalie has 3 cats, all with current vet statements on file. She uses her fenced back yard for an outside play area. Natalie is due to renew her registration effective 11/30/2027.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Natalie has 30 years of child care experience, is very conscientious in her approach to the children, and served registered provider for years as a trainer. She described her strengths as being very good working with parents, mentoring parents, helping parents work through questions or behaviors with their children, and creating a parent network with her families. Natalie continues using the "Experience Early Learning" curriculum. She is able to adjust the activities for the different ages she serves. The children have regular outside time as weather allows. Natalie participates in the Food Program to enhance the nutrition of her meals and snacks.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Natalie was in compliance at this time.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/recommendations

The 2026 targeted compliance for the Emergency Preparedness Plan was conducted. Natalie was in compliance having a plan consistent with her current operation.

I encourage Natalie to work with Cassie Strickler from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Cassie can be reached at: (515) 782-3688

Natalie had one infant under 12 months of age in care during our visit who was awake. She uses sleep sacks for sleeping and we reviewed safe infant sleeping policies.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Earl Crow Date: 6/11/2026

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