Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Shannon James

Provider Name: Shannon James

Provider No.: 49201

Address: 1315 Chestnut St, Atlantic, IA, 50022

E-Mail:

County: Cass

Phone Number: 6414855484

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 8/20/2026

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

1. Basic Overview

Shannon James has been providing childcare services for close to 10 years. She moved to her current area a year ago and recently started accepting children into her home for care. The provider had seven children in her care at the time of the visit. The children were playing with toys or working on a craft when compliance staff arrived. The children were between the living room and attached play room areas of the home. She discussed the options for play and activities to keep busy during the day. The provider reported that most of the children in care will be heading to pre-school or school starting next week.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff observed the interactions between the provider and children. Compliance noted that the provider interacts

with all children in her care. She establishes boundaries with the children with rules for play space and appropriate interactions between the children. When a situation arises that needs more attention, she will engage with all children involved in the issue. She will use redirection and explanation with the children. In the event that children do not modify behaviors, they will sit near her for a period of time.

The provider discussed daily communication with parents and caregivers. She is glad to have open communication with the families who use her services.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 : Conditions in the home shall be safe, sanitary, and free from hazards.

**The home has multiple areas of clutter and items stacked. Any room on the main level where children could be located like the entrance room, kitchen, living room, playroom and bathroom will need reorganization to ensure a safe environment for children. Maintaining clean floors is especially important with pets in your home. Maintaining a safe environment protects children's health and promotes safe play. This will be reviewed at your next compliance visit.

All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites.
Form 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate, is on file.

**The provider was missing one pet's veterinary form. The pets are due for their annual visit soon. The vet forms will be reviewed at your next compliance visit.

Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.
**The provider has a piece of paper that she has put an X by the month for completion. Compliance has asked the provider to write the date of completed drills and smoke detector checks. This will be reviewed at your next compliance visit.

110.9 (4) d : For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child’s first day of attendance.
For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian or admission physical examination that is not more than 12 months from the child’s first day.
110.9 (4) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.

**The provider reported that the children are all fairly new to her and she has not yet received all of the necessary paperwork. Please continue to work with parents and caregivers to receive the intake physical and immunization verification for each child's file. This will be reviewed at your next compliance visit.

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.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 8/31/2026

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 Deb Martens 712-755-7381