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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Carmen Baker

Provider Name: Carmen Baker

Provider No.: 26035

Address: 506 Vine ST, Lucas, IA, 50151

E-Mail:

County: Lucas

Phone Number: 6412037975

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 6/19/2026

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:

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

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1. Basic Overview

Carmen Baker has been providing childcare services for over 27 years. She maintains up to eight children in her care. At the time of the visit, the provider was getting ready to lead the children outside. The children temporarily returned to playing in the playroom for compliance staff to get through most of the visit. The children were excited to show compliance staff the play room. This is set up with stations for creative play. The childcare space is on the main level of the home, the play room, living room, kitchen and at least one other bedroom are consistently used for childcare space. The provider reported the children have a lot of free play time during the day. She does use Carol's Affordable Curriculum as age appropriate learning time with the children as well. The children enjoy the outside time in the play yard.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Compliance staff observed the interactions between the children and provider. The children easily approach the provider for questions and needs.

The provider believes that her strengths include a good environment for the children to learn and play. She works with the children on readiness activities. She provides healthy meals to the children.

The provider reported strong relationships with the parents and even extended family members of some of the children.

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.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Stacy Burris Date: 6/23/2026

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 Karen Lauer 641-820-1922