Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Nickie Cole

Provider Name: Nickie Cole

Provider No.: 50067

Address: 1512 4th ST SW, Cedar Rapids , IA, 52404

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3195736691

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 6/26/2026

Program Type:

- [X] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] 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
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Nickie became a non-registered provider in 2018 and became Registered in 2019. She did not have prior childcare experience. She does not participate in the IQ4K quality rating system. She does not participate in the Food Program. Nickie only provides childcare for her four grandchildren, and they are all school age. Nickie primarily provides care on the main level of her home. She does occasionally use the upper level for some childcare. Nickie does have a fenced in back yard. Nickie does have 3 cats in the home, and they do interact with the children. Nickie does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

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Nickie did not have any children in care on this date, so this worker was not able to observe interactions between her and the children. The home was clean. Nickie did have all her documentation organized nicely into a binder for easy review.

This worker asked Nickie to identify what she believed her strengths were and she noted with needing to provide the children healthy meals, it has made her eat healthier as well. She also enjoys the extra time with her grandchildren.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)n. 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.
Nickei has 3 cats. One of the cats had an expired pet exam. One of the cats had an exam but not on the approved HHS form and one of the cats had no documentation.
*Nickie needs to obtain current/annual pet exams for the cats and they all need to be documented on the approved HHS form.

110.8 (3) a : All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials are secured from access by a child.
Nickie does have chemicals/cleaners in a cabinet under her kitchen sink. She does have a latch on it but it was not secured on this date. (she did not have children in care today)
*Nickei needs to ensure that her chemicals/cleaners are secured from access from the children at all times.

110.8 (4) b : Procedures are in place for:
Evacuation to safely leave the facility,
Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation,Shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where the child is when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue,
Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation,
Communication and reunification with families,
Continuity of operations, and
Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs.
Nickie does have an EPP. We did review it on this date and added a few extra details and an evacuation location if she had to leave the neighborhood.

110.9(4)e. children's files:
For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of statement of health or admission physical.
Nickie was missing an updated/annual exam/statement of health for one child
*Nickie needs to work with the parents to obtain any of the required documentation for children's files

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 7/17/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

If you have questions, you may contact me at 319-429-0749 or via email at christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

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Notes:
Nickie shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Nickie shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but may use a sprinkler for other water play.
We did discuss safe sleep policies although Nickie does not care for infants.
We did discuss the number of children she is allowed to care for at one time as a Category A provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. Nickie did need to make a few adjustments to her EPP but we completed that while this worker was present. She is now in compliance with her EPP.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
As of 7/1/25 providers are expected to notify all parents in writing that the state does allow parents to submit an exemption for immunizations (either religious or medical) in lieu of the immunization record for each child. We did discuss this and added language to her policies while this worker was present. She now needs to ensure that her updated policies is provided to all the parents accordingly.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 6/26/2026

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 I encourage you to work with Ravyn Phelps with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Ravyn Phelps can be reached at 563-594-9683