Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Louise Lawson

Provider Name: Louise Lawson

Provider No.: 16163

Address: 409 Blue Bell CT, Hudson, IA, 50643

E-Mail:

County: Black Hawk

Phone Number: 3196100510

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/3/2026

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

Louise shared that she has been a childcare provider since 1991. She provided care as a non-registered provider for a couple of years before getting Registered around 1993. She does not participate in the IQ4K quality rating system. She does participate in the food Program. Louise is willing to care for children ages 3 months through school age. Louise provides care on the main level and lower level of her home. Her back yard is not fenced but it is spacious and well maintained and she does reside in a quiet neighborhood. Louise does have 2 dogs, but she reported the dogs are not typically around the children. Louise does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

This worker did have the opportunity to observe Louise interact with the children. I was able to see her appropriately

redirect the children when needed.

Louise's files were nicely organized in a file box. This allowed this worker to review her documentation while she was able to continue to care for the children.

Louise has a yearly contract that the families sign and date. Her policies were also nicely written, and she had much more than the 2 minimum required policies.

Louise described that she tries to get the children outside regularly even in winter months and ensures they have appropriate cold weather clothing.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

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.
Louise had an Emergency Preparedness Plan but it needs a few changes/updates.
*Louise needs to update/modify her EPP and send pictorial verification to this worker when completed.

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.
110.9 (4) g : A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
Lousie was missing an initial physical and immunization record for one child in care.
*Louise needs to work with the parent to obtain any missing documentation.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 2/24/26) and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.
Please send pictorial verification of the items where specifically noted above to christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov or text to 319-429-0749.

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

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

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. As noted above, Louise does need to make a couple of modifications to her EPP. She will need to send pictorial verification of that to this worker.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

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Recommendations:
Louise did not yet have anything written in regard to notifying 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. This is a new policy effective 7/1/25 so we did discuss this, and she agreed to get that documented accordingly.

6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: On 4/10/26 Louise sent pictorial verification of her updated Emergency Preparedness Plan.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 4/10/2026

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 2/3/2026

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 Black Hawk County Child Care Resource and referral at 319-233-0804 if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.