Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tina Michels

Provider Name: Tina Michels

Provider No.: 19153

Address: 3793 188th AVE, Decorah, IA, 52101

E-Mail:

County: Winneshiek

Phone Number: 5637355517

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 8/21/2026

Program Type:

☐ 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

☐ School Age

☒ All Ages

1. Basic Overview

Tina shared that she began proving childcare in January of 2001 as a non-registered provider. She has been a registered provider since 2009. Tina is not a participant of the IQ4K quality rating system, but she does participate in the Food program. Tina is located just a few miles from the Minnesota border. Tina is open to caring for children of all ages. Tina does have well water and private sewer. Tina has a ranch style home and provides care on the main level. She does have a nice fenced in area in her yard for outdoor play. Tina does have a dog that might interact with the children at times. Tina does not have an approved substitute or assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Tina had 6 children present on the day of this compliance visit. She noted that she typically has 8 children in care. The

children were involved in painting when this worker arrived. Some of them transitioned to other free play as well. Tina described a verity of activities for the children including a lot of outside pay in the summer and she did have a variety of activities and toys including items for both large and fine motor skills. She also has toys in her basement, and she described rotating them out to give the children new things to play with.

This worker did observe her to appropriate re-direct children as needed.

Tina's policies were nicely detailed and included more than the required minimum. Her files were organized into two binders and allowed for easy review of her documentation.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8(1)a. Emergency numbers posted for police, fire, ambulance, and poison information center.
Tina did not have this information written and posted.
*Tina did add this information to a document while this worker was present so she is now in compliance.

110.8(1)h. Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
Tina did not have any documentation for this year of monthly testing of smoke detectors.
*Tina needs to ensure that she tests her smoke detectors every month and documents those accordingly.
CCR&R/Teri was present on this date and provided her a form for future documentation.

110.8(4)a. Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.
Tina did have documentation of this for most of the months this year but did not have documentation for July and August. She does still have time to do one for August.
*Tina needs to ensure that she practices fire and tornado drills every month and documents those accordingly.

110.9(4) : An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes.
Tina had one file that had not been updated annually. She does typically have families review those annually as is required.

Each file contains:
110.9 (4) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
Tina was missing an updated/annual physical for one child in care.
*Tina needs to work with the parent to obtain the updated physical.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 9/11/26) 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

Notes:

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Tina shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Tina shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool or do any other water play with the children.
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. Tina was 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 Tina agreed to document that accordingly. She will need to ensure that is provided to all the parents accordingly.

Tina's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter training was still valid on this date, but it will expire next month. She is encouraged to update that timely.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 8/24/2026

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 Teri Orr with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Teri can be reached at 319-433-7750