Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Jodi Kenney

Provider Name: Jodi Kenney

Provider No.: 23814

Address: 936 19th AVE SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

E-Mail:

County: Linn

Phone Number: 3195606866

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 2/11/2026

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home B
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home C
- [X] 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

1. Basic Overview

Jodi shared that she began providing childcare out of her home in 1998. She reported that she had approximately 2 years of experience in a childcare center prior to that. Jodi did participate in the previous quality rating system and was at a level 5 at one time. She does currently participate in the current IQ4K quality rating system and is currently at level 3. She is certified in Child Net and does participate in the Food Program. Jodi shared that she will care for children ages infant through preschool. She does not care for school-aged children. Jodi only provides childcare on the main level of her home. She utilizes the main living room area and has a couple of bedrooms set up for childcare play as well. She also has a screened in porch she can use as well. Jodi described that for communicating with families she has a Facebook page with regular communication. She described sending a monthly newsletter and providing a monthly calendar. Jodi described having a yearly conference for each child and she also utilizes developmental checklists for the children. She also stated that she utilizes a parent feedback form and this past year also utilized a survey. Jodi does have 3 cats in the home. She described

that two of them primarily stay away during the childcare hours but there is one cat that does often interact with the children. Jodi does have 3 individuals that are approved as substitutes. She does not have an approved assistant.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Jodi's childcare space was clean and well maintained. She has a large yard that is fenced in. She is able to use the neighbors' yard as well (her sister) for additional outdoor space. Both yards were nicely maintained.

Jodi described a belief in child led play. She has some routine in her home that includes activities for both large and small muscle development. She described listening to music, exercise and time for reading in the day. This worker did observe her utilizing some sensory play with the children while I was present.

This compliance worker did observe Jodi to have appropriate interactions with the children while I was present, and I did observe her to redirect the children appropriately.

Jodi' had extensive policies that were well written. She shared that she updates them yearly and has parents sign off each year. This worker did observe the signature part of that in the children's files. Jodi had all her documentation organized into a couple of binders. This worker was able to easily review her documentation while she continued to care for and supervise the children. She presents as very professional in regard to her childcare.

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.
Jodi had a well written EPP but needs to update/make a change to a relocation site.
*Jodi needs to make the appropriate change/update to her EPP and send pictorial verification to HHS.

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections should be made within 3 weeks (by 3/4/26) 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:
Jodi shared that she does not transport the childcare children.
Jodi shared that she does not ever use a swimming pool but will use a sprinkler or 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 1 provider.

As part of the 2026 Targeted compliance the Emergency Preparedness Plan was thoroughly reviewed. As noted above, Jodi

needs to make one change/adjustment to her EPP in regard to a change in relocation site. Once updated she needs to send pictorial verification to HHS.
She was encouraged to review it at least yearly to ensure that no changes need to be made.

Recommendations:
Jodi did have something in her policies 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. While I was present, she did add a notation that she does reserve the right to decide if she will accept children without immunizations.

6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: Jodi sent pictorial verification of her updated EPP on 2/16/26.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 2/17/2026

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Christine Weber Date: 2/11/2026

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 Ashley Cram with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs. Ashley Cram can be reached at 563-362-8224