Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Tender Traditions Child Development Home

Provider Name: Tender Traditions Child Development Home

Provider No.: 31043

Address: 2545 Asbury RD, Dubuque, IA, 52001

E-Mail:

County: Dubuque

Phone Number: 5635833864

[X] Pre-Inspection Date: 4/15/2026

[ ] Approval Date:

[ ] Annual Visit Date:

Program Type:

[ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)

[ ] Registered Child Development Home B

[X] 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

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1. Basic Overview

Joann has been providing child care since 2010 and has been registered with the state of Iowa the entire time. Joann reports she submitted her renewal application, however, it was not received by the CCA Unit in Des Moines. As a result, Joann was canceled and considered a new application. This was a pre inspection visit to get Joann back up and running for child care. Joann and Peter are a category C child development home. They are not currently accepting new enrollments. They provide care for first shift only. Joann describes her child development home as play based and a lot of STEM learning incorporated into their daily play activities. Joann reports that one thing she is proud of in her child care setting is that she tells children daily that someone loves them. Joann and Peter take children outside a lot where the children enjoy the natural play scape environment. Joann and Peter have a natural play area that includes things like a digging area and a music area.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Joann believes that their greatest strengths in caring for children are that they genuinely love kids. Joann and Peter have led young people through their involvement with 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, foster parents and child care. Joann reports that they maintain regular contact with families and children years after they have left their child care setting. Joann and Peter are strong advocates for children, ensuring that their individual needs are met. Joann and Peter communicate well with parents and utilize their available resources as needed, specifically Child Care Resource and Referral. Joann and Peter have been participants in the CACFP food program for child care providers.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

110.8 (1) h : Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway.

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

Joann did not have a smoke detector at top of staircase. Peter put detector up during visit.
No further action required.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Targeted case compliance of Emergency Preparedness Plan completed - no changes or updates required. Plan remains up to date.

Pre inspection will be approved.

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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Kathy Huinker Date: 4/16/2026

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 Child Care Resource & Referral of Northeast Iowa 2728 Asbury Road, #215 Dubuque, IA 52001 563-557-1628