



CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Karen Kramer

Provider Name: Karen Kramer

Provider No.: 18299

Address: 510 W Main ST, Epworth, IA, 52045

E-Mail:

County: Dubuque

Phone Number: 5635991129

- ☐ Pre-Inspection Date:
- ☐ Approval Date:
- ☒ Annual Visit Date: 10/8/2025

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

Karen has been providing registered child care for approximately 36 years. Karen is currently in a transition period as her daughter Katelyn plans to take over the child care business. Katelyn is currently an approved substitute and assistant in Karen's child development home. Karen provides child care Monday through Friday from 7am-4:30 pm. Karen typically accepts children aged infant through preschool, however, she currently does not have any openings. Karen provides care during the school year only Karen typically does not provide care during the summer months.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Karen believes her greatest strengths in working in the child care field is her structure and organization. Karen's daughter has been assisting in the home recently. Karen stated that Katelyn really enjoys the play aspect of child care and is



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extremely compassionate. Karen added that Katelyn gives 110% to everything she does. Karen and Katelyn seem to work very well together and have a good balance between them. Karen maintains her environment in a very orderly fashion, keeping the children's safety as her main priority. Karen also maintains her paperwork which assists in finding needed compliance items each year.

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.

Each smoke detector has been installed according to manufacturer's recommendations.

Karen needs a smoke detector installed in the small room she is napping a child.

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.

Karen's dog Remi is current on shots, however, it is not documented on required HHS form. Need required form completed.

110.9 (2) b : Within six months of approval, a Physical exam report documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, which is repeated at least every three years.

110.9 (3) b : Within six months of approval, a Physical exam report documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report, which is repeated at least every three years.

Karen's substitute/assistant Katelyn needs physical documented on required HHS form.

Child files:

110.9 (4) c : A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

110.9 (4) j : Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home.

Karen needs to ensure all enrolled children have medical treatment authorizations signed and written travel/activity forms.

If only one approved provider is present, not more than 4 of the 8 children may be 24 months of age or younger and of these 4 children, no more than 3 are 12 months of age or younger.

Karen had five children under the age of 24 months present. Karen misunderstood regulations and thought it was under the age of 18 months. Information for requesting a short term Exception to Policy was provided to Karen. One child will turn 2 in February and she will no longer be over at that time.

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

Karen needs to send verification of the above items to Kathy by 11/25/25. Items can be emailed to kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov or texted to 563-949-6971.

Child files do not need to be sent and will be reviewed at next year's compliance visit.

5. Special Notes/recommendations

Please submit Request for Exception to Policy directly to Des Moines.



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HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Kathy Huinker

Date: 10/8/2025

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