



Health and
Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Grace Helmke

Provider Name: Grace Helmke

Provider No.: 51557

Address: 1007 Ruthven ST, Ruthven, IA, 51358

E-Mail:

County: Palo Alto

Phone Number: 6414851660

☐ Pre-Inspection Date:

☐ Approval Date:

☒ Annual Visit Date: 4/22/2026

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



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1. Basic Overview

Grace is a category B provider who has been registered for about 4 years. Her hours are from 7:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday thru Friday. She accepts children of all ages. Grace belongs to the food program. No one resides in the home, it is dedicated solely to childcare.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

The home is clean and hazard free. There is a large play area in the upper level of the home. Grace likes to provide a loving and fun atmosphere. Her program is play-based, although does include some preschool activities for the children. The children are on a flexible schedule. Grace likes to have the children play outside as much as possible.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

Emergency numbers posted for police, fire, ambulance, and poison information center.
Number for each child's parent, a person who can be reached when the parent cannot and child's physician is written on paper and readily accessible by the working telephone.

Emergency telephone numbers need to be posted in the home.

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) e : For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.

110.9 (4) i : Documentation signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.

Several children need updated documents in their files.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/recommendations

2026 Targeted Compliance of Emergency Preparedness Plan was up to date and in line with her current practices.

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Dave Jaehrling

Date: 6/2/2026

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 (712) 786-3489