02/11/2025

Chrystal Ager
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Marion, IA 52302

Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 02/11/2025. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. You are not a participant in the voluntary Quality Rating and Improvement System. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of the visit:

441 IAC 110.8(1) **Facility Requirements**

441 IAC 110.8(1)"h" The home shall have at least one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway. Each smoke detector shall be installed according to manufacturer's recommendations. The provider shall test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes

441 IAC 110.8(3) **Medications and Hazardous Materials**

441 IAC 110.8(3)"a" All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child

441 IAC 110.9 Files

441 IAC 110.9(1) **A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:**

441 IAC 110.9(1)"b" (1) I-PoWeR records or certificates verifying required training completion:

Prior to registration:

- minimum health and safety training, approved by the Department, in required content areas
- Iowa's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training

Prior to registration: First Aid and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Provider shall maintain a valid certificate indicating date of training and expiration date.

During each two year registration period, the provider shall receive a minimum of 24 hours of training from approved content areas. A provider shall not use a specific training or class to meet minimum continuing education requirements more than one time every five years

A provider who submits documentation from a child care resource and referral agency that the provider has completed the Iowa Program for Infant/Toddler Care (IA PITC), ChildNet, or Beyond Business Basics training series may use those hours to fulfill a maximum of two years'

training requirements, not including first-aid and mandatory reporter training

Findings:

An annual compliance check was completed on 2/11/25 and the following was out of compliance:

441 IAC 110.8(1)“h”. The provider shall test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes.
Chrystal did not have documentation of monthly testing of smoke detectors.

441 IAC 110.8(3)“a” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child.
Chrystal did have several bottles of various cleaners in a closet but not secured from access by the children and it was opened and visible.

441 IAC 110.9(1)“b” (1) I-PoWeR records or certificates verifying required training completion:
Prior to registration:
minimum health and safety training, approved by the Department, in required content areas
Iowa’s Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training
Chrystal's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter training had expired.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 3/4/25 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check. Please send pictorial verification of the items where specifically noted below.

I encourage you to work with Emmeka Hawkins with Child Care Resource and Referral if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Emmeka Hawkins can be reached at 563-499-1853

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

Corrective Action Required:

Chrystal needs to ensure that she is testing each smoke detector monthly and keeping a record of testing for inspection purposes.

Chrystal needs to ensure that all medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child. She needs to move the chemicals/cleaners that were in the closet, so they are up higher and not accessible to the childcare children. She needs to send pictorial verification to this worker when completed.

Chrystal needs to update her Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter training and send pictorial verification to this worker.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: Chrystal's annual childcare compliance check was completed on 2/11/25. She was out of compliance with a few items. She needed to send pictorial verification of a couple of those items.

  Chrystal did send pictorial verification on 2/18/25 that she had moved the unsafe chemicals and verification of her updated MandatoryChild Abuse Reporter training on 3/17/25.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 3/17/2025 12:47:59 PM

Non-compliance with any of the mandated 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 319-429-0749 or christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christine Weber

Social Worker II

Sheila Aunspach

Social Work Supervisor

Always Remember:

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 877-216-8481

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html

You may also access training at: https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).