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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home A conducted on 08/20/2024. 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(4) **Emergency Plans**

441 IAC 110.8(4) “b” The provider must have procedures in place for the following:

1. evacuation to safely leave the facility
2. relocation to a common, safe location after the evacuation
3. shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
4. lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
5. communication plan and plans for reunification with families
6. continuity of operations plans
7. Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

441 IAC 110.8(5) **Safe Sleep**

441 IAC 110.8(5) "a" The provider shall follow safe sleep practices as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics for infants under the age of one.

a. Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.
b. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.
c. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child shall be allowed to sleep in an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat, or items not designed for sleeping.
d. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.
e. No co-sleeping shall be allowed.
f. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.
g. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

Findings:

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441 IAC 110.8(4) “b” The provider must have procedures in place for the following:
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relocation to a common, safe location after the evacuation
shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
communication plan and plans for reunification with families
continuity of operations plans
Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

Suggestions/Recommendations:

I would encourage you to work with CCR&R as indicated below in suggestions. Child Care Resource & Referral

Roxana: 515-246-3507 Ext. 2387
Work Cell: 515-202-1310

Please do not hesitate to access the free and voluntary consulting services offered by CCR&R to assist with any compliance related needs or questions.

Effective immediately all safe sleep regulations will be complied with. All other corrections must be completed by 11/1/2024. All corrections will be verified at the time of the next compliance visit.

Corrective Action Required:

Per my compliance visit on 8/20/2024 the following issues need addressed based on the above mentioned rules:
1. When I arrived at my visit I observed an infant sleeping in a crib with a blanket. With the help of a translator, you stated the child was cold. We discussed using approved sleep sacks, if you are concerned the infant is cold. You removed the blanket and safe sleep regulations were reviewed. CCR&R is meeting with you on 9/10/2024 to review safe sleep regulations again.
2. Emergency preparedness plan needs to be completed. This plan addresses evacuation, shelter in place, and lock down procedures.

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 515-339-8262 eabbott@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Ellen Abbott

Social Worker II

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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).