09/16/2024

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the pre-inspection visit at your Registered Child Development Home A conducted on 09/16/2024. 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(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(1)“ i” Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited at all times in the home and in every vehicle in which children receiving care in the home are transported.
Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the outdoor play area during the home’s hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance of the child care home and in every vehicle used to transport children.
All signs shall include:

1. The telephone number for reporting complaints, and
2. The Internet address of the department of public health (www.iowasmokefreeair.gov)

441 IAC 110.8(4) **Emergency Plans**

441 IAC 110.8(4) Emergency Plans: plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.

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.

441 IAC 110.8(5) "b" No child shall be allowed to sleep in any item not designed for sleeping including, but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, or bouncy seat.

441 IAC 110.8(5) "c" A crib or crib like furniture which has a waterproof mattress covering and sufficient bedding to enable a child to rest comfortably and which meets the current standards or recommendations from the Consumer Product Safety Commission or ASTM International for juvenile products shall be provided for each child under two years of age if developmentally appropriate. Crib railings shall be fully raised and secured when the child is in the crib. A crib or crib like furniture shall be provided for the number of children present at any one time. The home shall maintain all cribs or crib like furniture and bedding in a clean and sanitary manner. There shall be no restraining devices of any type used in cribs.

Findings:

SW Bailey utilized the language line for this compliance visit. The provider stated she was more comfortable communicating in French.

1. 110.8(1)i The provider does not have No Smoking signs at every entrance to the home.

2. 110.8(1)h The provider does not have a smoke detector at the top of the lower lever stairs (landing area).

3. 110.8(4)a The provider does not have emergency/disaster plans/maps posted by primary and secondary exits.

4. 110.8(5) Safe Sleep:
-During a discussion with SW Bailey about safe sleep guidelines, the provider stated she was planning on having an infant sleep in their car seat due to the parent's request. The provider has not purchased a crib or pack and play for her daycare home.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

SW Bailey will make referrals for CCR&R and CCNC to review safe sleep guidelines with the provider. The provider is expected to comply with all guidelines of safe sleep.

The provider will either send SW Bailey a photo of the other compliance issues once they are completed or SW Bailey will make another visit to the home to review the issues are completed.

I encourage you to work with Lorri Hora from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Lorri can be reached at: 319-321-2725.

Corrective Action Required:

1. The provider needs to install a smoke detector at the top of the basement stairs (landing area).

2. The provider needs to post No Smoking signs at every entrance to the home.

3. The provider needs to post emergency and disaster plans/maps by the primary and secondary exits to the home.

4. The provider needs to meet with CCR&R and CCNC to review safe sleep guidelines.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: SW Bailey made referrals to CCR&R and CCNC to address safe sleep with Blandine.

  On 9/18/2024 Lorri Hora, CCR&R met with Blandine and went over safe sleep expectations. Lorri stated that she would provide Blandine with an approved crib once she is registered.

  On 9/19/2024 Deb VanderGaast, CCNC, met with Blandine and her husband, who served as an interpreter (French). Deb said that she completed the Safe Sleep checklist with Blandine and her husband and then provided Blandine with French version of a pamphlet on safe sleep, shaken baby syndrome and infant care.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 11/5/2024 3:08:46 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 319-800-4702 or hbailey@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Holly Bailey

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).