01/17/2025

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home C conducted on 01/17/2025. 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(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 110.15 **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME CATEGORY "C"**

441 IAC 110.15(1)“ e” No more than 16 children shall be present at any one time when an emergency school closing is in effect. If more than 8 children are present at any one time due to an emergency school closing exception, the provider shall be assisted by a department-approved assistant who is at least 18 years of age.

- If only ne approved provider is present, no more than 6 of 8 children may be 24 months of age or younger and of these 6 children, no more than 3 are 12 months of age or younger.

Findings:

441 IAC 110.8(5) Safe Sleep- two infants were sleeping and swaddled. Swaddling is not necessary or recommended in the child care setting. The risks of swaddling include overheating, hip dysplasia, SIDS, and other accidental deaths.

**Compliance staff viewed two infants in swaddles. Compliance staff talked with the provider that swaddles are not allowed in childcare. Compliance staff discussed safe sleep with both providers and the reasons why using a swaddle is not allowed.

441 IAC 110.15(1)
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**Upon arrival to the childcare home, there was only one childcare provider in the home. Compliance staff verified the number of childcare children in the home and the provider reported 11. The other provider had left to pick up a preschool child. With one provider out of the home, the single provider was over numbers at 11 children. Also, the providers are at the allowable limit for infants in care. This also placed the single childcare provider over numbers for children who are 12 months of age and younger.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact compliance staff.

Your CCR&R representative is Melissa Wynn. Her contact number is 712-576-4304. Her contact email is mwynn@westcca.org

Your CCNC is Heather Marsh. Her contact number is 712-523-3405. Her email is heather.marsh@taylorcountyhealth.com

Corrective Action Required:

In regards to safe sleep, swaddle items are not allowed to be utilized in childcare settings. We discussed safe sleep and the reasons for not using swaddles. The provider immediately removed the swaddles from the infants that were sleeping. The provider will no longer utilize swaddles. Compliance staff emailed you the updated safe sleep parent form to use with your childcare families.

In regards to the number of children left with a single provider in your home, we discussed the number of children allowed by law to be in your childcare home when one of the two providers is not present. The provider discussed a change to her registration adding a substitute next week. The provider is working with registration to add the substitute as quickly as possible. Compliance staff was able to verify this change is in progress.

A safety plan was written with the providers due to being over numbers with one provider. The safety plan also included the information about swaddling two infants while they were sleeping.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: Compliance staff completed an unannounced visit to the childcare home. The provider had two infants that were sleeping. The provider is no longer swaddling infants during naptime.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 6/4/2025 4:00:23 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 712-435-0576 or stacy.burris@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Stacy Burris

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).