08/15/2023

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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 08/14/2023. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. Your home is rated a 3 on the voluntary Quality Rating and Improvement System. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of the visit:

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

441 IAC 110.9(3) An individual file is maintained for each substitute and contains:

1. Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.9(1) “a” have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person’s involvement with child care.
2. A completed Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. The examination shall include any necessary testing for communicable diseases; a discussion of recommended vaccinations; completed no more than six months prior to approval to assist or be a household member; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.

3. Certification of two hours of approved training related to identification and reporting of child abuse as required by Iowa Code section 232.69 within 3 months of employment.
4. Certification in infant and child first aid
5. Certification or other documentation that minimum health and safety training has been completed within 3 months or prior to providing substitute care, whichever occurs first.

Findings:

Per our 8/14/2023 spot check visit, the following corrections need to be made:

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Suggestions/Recommendations:

1. Co-provider Jessica needs to find or obtain her certification in the Mandatory Reporter training for her file.

2. Dawn needs to obtain current certification in the Mandatory Reporter training for substitutes Tim and Ben, with verification in their files.

Corrective Action Required:

No re-check is necessary at Dawn's operation. The above corrections need to be in place by 10/18/2023.

I encourage Dawn to work with Kathy Lloyd from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Kathy can be reached at: (319) 231-9405

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) 291-0008 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Earl Crow

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).