01/17/2025

Luann Benson
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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B 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(1) **Facility Requirements**

441 IAC 110.8(1)“ n” Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home.

1. Each dog or cat in the household shall undergo an annual health examination by a licensed veterinarian. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. This examination shall verify that the animal’s routine immunizations, particularly rabies, are current and that the animal shows no evidence of endoparasites (roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) and ectoparasites (fleas, mites, ticks, lice).

2. Each pet bird in the household shall be purchased from a dealer licensed by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship and shall be examined by a veterinarian to verify that it is free of infectious diseases. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. Children shall not handle pet birds.

3. Aquariums shall be well maintained and installed in a manner that prevents children from accessing the water or pulling over a tank.

4. All animal waste shall be immediately removed from the children’s areas and properly disposed of. Children shall not perform any feeding or care of pets or cleanup of pet waste.

5. No animals shall be allowed in the food preparation, food storage, or serving areas during food preparation and serving times

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(4) “a” Fire and tornado drills shall be practiced monthly and the provider shall keep documentation evidencing compliance with monthly practice on file for the current year and the previous year.

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”(2) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person’s involvement with child care.

441 IAC 110.9(2) An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains:

1. Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under subrule 110.11(3) 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.

Findings:

An annual compliance check was completed on 1/17/25 and the following was out of compliance:

441 IAC 110.8(1)“n” Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home.
Each dog or cat in the household shall undergo an annual health examination by a licensed veterinarian. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. This examination shall verify that the animal’s routine immunizations, particularly rabies, are current and that the animal shows no evidence of endoparasites (roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) and ectoparasites (fleas, mites, ticks, lice)

Luann did have a health exam and rabies documentation for the dog, but the annual pet exam was not on the HHS approved form.

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.

Luann did not have the emergency plan for fire and tornado posted at her secondary exit.

441 IAC 110.8(4) “a” Fire and tornado drills shall be practiced monthly and the provider shall keep documentation evidencing compliance with monthly practice on file for the current year and the previous year.

Luann did have documentation of testing of fire and tornado drills, but she had not maintained the previous year for compliance verification.

441 IAC 110.9(1)“b”(2) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person’s involvement with childcare.

Luann could not locate this documentation.

441 IAC 110.9(2) An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains:
Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under subrule 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person’s involvement with childcare.

Luann's husband Dewain is her assistant, but Luann could not locate the documentation approving him as an assistant.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 2/7/25 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 Black Hawk County Child Care Resource and Referral at 319 233-0804 if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.

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

Corrective Action Required:

Luann needs to obtain the annual pet exam on the approved HHS form.

Luann needs to develop an emergency plan for fire and tornado and post that at her secondary exit. Luanne needs to send pictorial verification of this to HHS.

Luann needs to maintain the current year documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills and maintain the prior year for verification as well.

Luann should try to locate her documentation authorizing who can reside in the home and the documentation approving her husband as her assistant. She should again receive this documentation at the time of her next renewal and needs to keep those items available for future compliance checks.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: On 1/24/25 Luann sent pictorial verification of the annual pet exam, the letter from HHS authorizing her husband as an assistant and verification of her posting of the emergency plan at her secondary exit.

  As of this date she has sent pictorial verification of the items requested after her annual check completed 1/17/25.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 1/24/2025 4:02:47 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).