10/17/2023

Snickerdoodles Daycare
204 Main ST
Aurora, IA 50607

Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 10/13/2023. 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 2 on 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)“g”	The home shall have at least one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher located in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
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(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 110.9	Files
441 IAC 110.9(1)	**A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:**

441 IAC 110.9(1)“ a” A physician’s examination report for the provider and all members of the provider’s household aged 18 years or older. Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. All children residing in the household must have medical documentation outlined in 110.9(4) “d”, 110.9(4) “f”, and 110.9(4) “g”

441 IAC 110.9(4) Children’s Files. An individual file for each child shall be maintained and updated annually or when the provider becomes aware of changes. The file shall contain:

a. Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child’s name, birth date, parent’s name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child, and the parent’s work address and telephone number.

b. Emergency information including, at a minimum, where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone number of the child’s regular source of health care, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.

c. A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

d. An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician

1. The date of the physical examination shall not be more than 12 months before the child’s first day of attendance at the child development home.

2. The written report shall include past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary.

3. For a child who is five years of age or older and enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physical examination report.

4. The examination report or statement of health status shall be on file before the child’s first day of care

e. For children under the age of 6,a statement of health condition signed by a physician or designee submitted annually from the date of the admission physical. For a child who is enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physician statement.

f. For each school-age child, on the first day of attendance, documentation of a physical examination that was completed at the time of school enrollment or since.

g. A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health. For the school-age child, a copy of the most recent immunization record shall be acceptable.

h. For any child with allergies, a written emergency plan in the case of an allergic reaction. A copy of this information shall accompany the child if the child leaves the premises.

i. Documentation that is signed by the parent and names persons authorized to pick up the child. The authorization shall include the name, telephone number, and relationship of the authorized person to the child.

j. Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.**k.** Injury report forms documenting injuries requiring first aid or medical care

l. If the child meets the definition of homelessness as defined by section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, the family shall receive a 60-day grace period to obtain medical documentation.

Findings:

An annual compliance check was completed on 10/13/23 and the following was out of compliance:
441 IAC 110.8(1)“g” The home shall have at least one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher located in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
Lisa's fire extinguisher was not the correct size.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“h” The provider shall test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes.

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Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.
Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.
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No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.
If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician authorization with statement of medical reason is required.
When this worker arrived Lisa did have a 5 month old baby sleeping in a swing with a blanket as well. She acknowledged that this was not in accordance with safe sleep policies but stated this is the only way the baby will sleep or the baby will cry all day and to the point of throwing up. She did report that she is working with the parents on utilizing safe sleep practices in their home and in attempting to get something from the Doctor if it is medically needed to have an alternative sleeping position. She is aware of the safe sleep policies. I did inform her that HHS cannot allow her to not be n accordance with those practices and we did develop a safety plan.

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The date of the physical examination shall not be more than 12 months before the child’s first day of attendance at the child development home.
Lisa was missing physicals for two of the children in care

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Lisa needs to obtain the correct size of a fire extinguisher (at least a 2A 10BC rated) for her main level of the home. Lisa needs to send pictorial verification of this to this worker.

Lisa needs to test her smoke detectors monthly and keep a record of that testing. This worker did provide her a form to use for documentation purposes.

Lisa needs to abide by safe sleep policies. She needs to continue to work with the parents to encourage them to abide by those same practices at home for a better transition for the baby. She needs to continue to work with the parents to explore if a medical waiver is appropriate. If a medical note is obtained for an alternative sleeping position, Lisa needs to send that to this HHS worker.

Lisa's husband needs an updated physical and it needs to be on the HHS approved form.

Lisa needs to obtain the two missing physicals and maintain all the required documentation for the children's files.

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 11/10/23 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check. Please send pictorial verification of compliance of the items noted above.

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

Lisa can be reached at (319) 334-5900.

Thank you for your service in providing child care in your community.

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 cweber@dhs.state.ia.us 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).