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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 09/13/2024. 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:

FINDINGS:	**Identify FINDINGS in each area of non-compliance.**
441 IAC 110.6	Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.6(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.
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(2)	**Use of Outdoor Space**
441 IAC 110.8(2) “a”	A safe outdoor play area shall be maintained in good condition throughout the year. The play area shall be fenced off when located on a busy thoroughfare or near a hazard which may be injurious to a child, and shall have both sunshine and shade areas. The play area shall be kept free from litter, rubbish, and flammable materials and shall be free from contamination by drainage or ponding of sewage, household waste, or storm water.
441 IAC 110.8(4)	**Emergency Plans**
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 110.8(4) “b”	The provider must have procedures in place for the following: **1.** evacuation to safely leave the facility **2.** relocation to a common, safe location after the evacuation **3.** shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue **4.** lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation **5.** communication plan and plans for reunification with families

6. continuity of operations plans
7. Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

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(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.

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.

441 IAC 110.14 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME CATEGORY "B"

441 IAC 110.14(1) "a" No more than eight children not attending kindergarten or a higher grade level shall be present at any one time

Findings:

441 IAC 110.9 Number of children.
441 IAC 110.8(1)h. Smoke detectors and written documentation.
441 IAC 110.8(2)a. Outdoor area.
441 IAC 110.8(4) Fire and tornado drills: monthly documentation.
441 IAC 110.8(4)b. Emergency Preparedness Plan: continuity of operations.
441 IAC 110.9(1)a. Provider/Household physicals.
441 IAC 110.9(1)b(2) HHS background check letter.
441 IAC 110.9(2) Assistants.
441 IAC 110.9(3) Substitutes.
441 IAC 110.9(4) Child Files.
441 IAC 110.14(1)a. Number of children.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

I encourage you to work with Child Care Resource and Referral for ongoing child care needs.

Child Care Resource & Referral of Northeast Iowa
2728 Asbury Road, #215
Dubuque, IA 52001
563-557-1628

Corrective Action Required:

Grace needs to resume written documentation of monthly smoke detector testing and fire/tornado drills.
Grace needs to put the fence back up in the outdoor area.
Grace needs to add continuity of operations section to the Emergency Preparedness Plan.
Grace needs physicals for Logan and Dustin, who are both household members and assistants/substitutes.
Grace needs completed HHS background check letters.
Grace needs to ensure all enrolled children have updated enrollment forms and current physicals and immunization records (signed and dated within the last year).
On 9/13/2024 Grace had 12 children in care, all of them preschool. Grace was over in the number of preschool children in attendance today.

Grace needs to send verification of the above items to Kathy by 10/30/2024. Items can be emailed to kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov or texted to 563-949-6971.

Child files do not need to be sent and will be reviewed again at next year's compliance visit.

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 563-949-6971 or kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Huinker

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).