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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the pre-inspection visit at your Registered Child Development Home C conducted on 11/08/2023. 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 4 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)" 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(2) "b" When there is a swimming or wading pool on the premises:

1. A wading pool shall be drained daily and shall be inaccessible to children when it is not in use.
2. An aboveground or in-ground swimming pool that is not fenced shall be covered whenever the pool is not in use. The cover shall meet or exceed the ASTM International (formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials) specification intended to reduce the risk of drowning by inhibiting access to the water by children under five years of age.
3. An uncovered aboveground swimming pool shall be enclosed with an approved fence that is non-climbable and has a minimum height of four feet.
4. An uncovered in-ground swimming pool shall be enclosed with a fence that is non-climbable and is at least four feet high and flush with the ground.

441 IAC 110.8(4) **Emergency Plans**

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

Findings:

1. 110.8(1)h The provider did not have a smoke detector at the top of the basement stairwell.

2. 110.8(2) Outdoor Space:
-The provider agreed to not use the fenced in area of the yard or the deck at this time for childcare due to safety issues. The fenced yard area has hazards such as an old motorcycle, which makes that area unsafe. The deck around the home is coming off of the house and has loose boards and some nails sticking up. The provider reported that the children can play outside in the front yard.
-The provider stated that she may do a swimming pool in the fenced area next summer. SW Bailey encouraged the provider to be in contact with HHS and/or CCR&R before putting up a pool next year to go over pool safety and expectations.

3. 110.8(4)b Emergency Preparedness Plan:
-The provider identified the basement as the tornado shelter. The basement area was observed to be quite cluttered and had hazards such as motor batteries and tools, which would be unsafe for children to be around.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

1. The provider needs to add a smoke detector to the top of the basement stairwell. (The provider texted a photo showing this was complete on 11/8/2023).

2. The provider signed the checklist agreeing not to use the deck or the fenced part of the yard for daycare children. If the provider choses to use these areas in the future, she will contact HHS and/or CCR&R to come to the home and approve that the areas have been made safe for children.

3. The provider needs to clean the area in the basement that is identified as the tornado shelter area. (The provider sent 3 photos showing this has been completed on 11/8/2023).

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time, corrections need to be made by 11/22/23 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

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

Tabitha can be reached at: 563-362-8228

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 319-800-4702 or hbailey@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Holly Bailey

Social Worker II

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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).