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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 11/29/2017. 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 110.7 **Provider Requirements**

441 IAC 110.8 Standards. Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

441 IAC 110.8(1) **Facility Requirements**

441 IAC 110.8(1)“ d” Approved safety gates at stairways and doors shall be provided and used as needed.

441 IAC 110.8(2) **Use of Outdoor Space**

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 110.9 Files

441 IAC 110.9(1) **A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:**

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:

Per our 11/29/17 spot check visit, the following corrections need to be made as described in the policy sections above:

1. You have a couple of firearms in the home that need a more secure barrier in place. We discussed several options that would not be difficult to implement that would be more secure than the lock you are currently using.

2. You need to obtain a child safety gate that can be used to block your stairway leading to the second floor.

3. You installed an above ground pool in your back yard. Though your side yard play area is entirely fenced in, the pool could be accessed by any child getting out one of your doors. You cannot install keyed locks to all of your entrances as a child could not escape the home in case of a fire. You mentioned some alternative sites in town that could host the pool for your family, or can consider fencing the pool if it is to remain in your yard. We reviewed the need to drain/remove the pool in the short term as you consider options for a better set up next spring.

4. Your assistant Casey needs to complete his Mandatory Reporter training and have a certificate on file.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Corrective Action Required:

As we discussed, the pool and firearm items will be re-checked within 2 weeks of my visit. The other items need to be in place by 2/12/18 and will not require a re-check. I will review these items during our next 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 (515) 268-7106 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Earl Crow

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).