11/04/2024

Yowali Aziza
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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home A conducted on 11/01/2024. 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:

441 IAC 110.8(1)	**Facility Requirements**
441 IAC 110.8(1)"b"	Electrical wiring shall be maintained, and all accessible electrical outlets shall be tamper-resistant outlets or shall be safely capped. Electrical cords shall be properly used. Improper use includes running cords under rugs, over hooks, through door openings, or other use that has been known to be hazardous
441 IAC 110.8(1)"c"	Combustible materials shall be kept a minimum of three feet away from furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and gas dryers
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(3)	**Medications and Hazardous Materials**
441 IAC 110.8(3)"a"	All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child
441 IAC 110.8(3)"b"	A first-aid kit shall be available and easily accessible whenever children are in the child development home, in the outdoor play area, in vehicles used to transport children, and on field trips. The kit shall be sufficient to address first aid related to minor injury or trauma and shall be stored in an area inaccessible to children. The kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.
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 110.9	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” (1) I-PoWeR records or certificates verifying required training completion:

Prior to registration:
- minimum health and safety training, approved by the Department, in required content areas
- Iowa’s Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training

Prior to registration: First Aid and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Provider shall maintain a valid certificate indicating date of training and expiration date.

During each two year registration period, the provider shall receive a minimum of 24 hours of training from approved content areas. A provider shall not use a specific training or class to meet minimum continuing education requirements more than one time every five years

A provider who submits documentation from a child care resource and referral agency that the provider has completed the Iowa Program for Infant/Toddler Care (IA PITC), ChildNet, or Beyond Business Basics training series may use those hours to fulfill a maximum of two years’ training requirements, not including first-aid and mandatory reporter training

Findings:

An annual compliance check was completed on 11/1/24. Rachel Bonefas from CCR&R was also present. We did offer to arrange for a French interpreter via phone, but Yowali declined and is able to speak English fairly well. This worker also offered to send her this letter in French but she noted English would be fine.

The following was out of compliance:

441 IAC 110.8(1)“b” All accessible electrical outlets shall be tamper-resistant outlets or shall be safely capped.
Yowali did have an outlet near the front door that was not capped.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“c” Combustible materials shall be kept a minimum of three feet away from furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and gas dryers.
Yowali had a crib/pack-n-play filled with items and other items up against her furnace and hot water heater.

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.
Yowali was missing a 1 smoke detector on the main level of the home.
Yowali could not locate any documentation of monthy testing of smoke detectors for 2024.

441 IAC 110.8(3)“a” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child.
Yowali had chemicals/cleaners under both bathroom sinks. Those cabinets were not secured. She reported that she does not have those there when she provides childcare.

441 IAC 110.8(3)“b” A first-aid kit shall be available and easily accessible whenever children are in the child development home, in the outdoor play area, in vehicles used to transport children, and on field trips. The kit shall be sufficient to address first aid related to minor injury or trauma and shall be stored in an area inaccessible to children. The kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.

Yowali did not have a water bottle in her First Aid kit.

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.
Yowali could not locate her documentation for monthly fire and tornado drills for 2024.

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Yowali's provider physical had expired. She did not have a current one.
Yowali's husband's physical was not on the approved HHS form.
Yowali has two adult children whose physicals were not on the approved HHS forms. this worker did provide her four copies of the provider health exam form to use for documentation purposes. This worker also provided her a written list of resources in her community for free physicals for those in the family that need it.

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Yowali's First Aid and CPR certificate expired in May.

Yowali does not currently have any children enrolled. She plans to resume childcare beginning in January. We did review what forms she needs to have in the children's files when she has children enrolled. CCR&R did provide her the forms needed.

Yowali is not currently providing childcare. She reports she has not had kids since this summer but does plan to pick up again in January. She did report some items were not in compliance as she does not currently have children in care but stated she will make sure those things are in place once she resumes care.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 11/22/24 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 Rachel Bonefas from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Rachel can be reached at (563) 362-8225.

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

Corrective Action Required:

Yowali needs to ensure that all accessible outlets are capped.

Yowali will need to move any combustible items at least three feet away from her furnace and hot water heater. She needs to send pictorial verification when completed.

Yowali needs to obtain 1 additional smoke detector on the main level and send pictorial verification.
yowali needs to ensure that she tests her smoke detectors monthly and documents those accordingly.

Yowali needs to move the chemicals/cleaners under her bathroom sinks and send pictorial verification.

Yowali needs to add a water bottle to her first aid kit and make sure she takes that with her when she transports children.

Yowali needs to ensure that she is practicing fire and tornado drills monthly and documenting those accordingly.

Yowali needs to obtain an updated physical for herself on the approved HHS form
Yowali needs to obtain a physical for her husband on the approved HHS form. This was also an area out of compliance at last year's check.
Yowali needs to obtain physical exams for her two adult children on the approved HHS form. Yowali needs to send pictorial verification of all of those physicals to this worker when obtained.

Yowali needs to update her First Aid and CPR training and send pictorial verification to this worker. (She is scheduled for a class on 11/7/24)

CCR&R is also currently working with Yowali on getting her 24 hours of training for her upcoming renewal.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: This worker completed the annual compliance check with Yowali on 11/1/24. At that time there were several areas where she was out of compliance, and she needed to send pictorial verification of several items.

  CCR&R did meet with her for follow up and send pictorial verification on 12/2/24 of the following
  1. accessible outlets had been capped.
  2. She had moved combustible materials away from the hot water heater and furnace.
  3. She had obtained a smoke detector on the main level of her home.
  4. She had obtained an updated physical for herself on the HHS approved form.
  5. She had obtained physicals for 2 of her adult children that reside in the home on the approved HHS form.

  Yowali also completed her First aid and CPR training on 11/7/24 and pictorial verification was sent to HHS by CCR&R on 12/9/24.

  As of 12/9/24 she has completed a majority of the items that she needed to send pictorial verification of. She does still need to send pictorial verification of the following:
  1. She needs to move the chemicals and cleaners under her bathroom sink.

  Additional items she needs to address but does not need send pictorial verification of is the following:
  1. She needs to add a water bottle to her First Aid kit and make sure she takes that with her when she transports children.
  2. She needs to ensure that she is testing her smoke detectors monthly.
  3. She needs to ensure that she is practicing her fire and tornado drills monthly and documenting those accordingly.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 12/9/2024 12:03:40 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).