01/09/2025

Jodi Lamos
1211 4th ST
Gilbertville, IA 50634

Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 01/09/2025. 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(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(4)	**Emergency Plans**
441 IAC 110.8(4)	Emergency Plans: plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.
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"

Findings:

An annual compliance check was completed on 1/9/25 and the following was out of compliance:

441 IAC 110.8 Standards. Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.
441 IAC 110.8(3)“a” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child.
This provider does have guns in the home. They are typically secured in a gun cabinet on the lower level of the home where childcare is not provided but children do go to that area to practice monthly tornado drills. On this date they were in the gun cabinet, but the two cabinets were not secured/locked. This worker did consult with a supervisor and a safety plan was developed. This worker did have Jodi secure both cabinets prior to this worker leaving the home.

441 IAC 110.8(4) Emergency Plans: plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.
Jodi did not have her emergency plan for fire and tornado posted at her secondary exit.

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”
Jodi's husband's physical had expired.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A rfull re-check is not needed but this worker will do a follow up/ unannounced drop in due to the safety plan developed on this date.
Corrections need to be made by 1/30/25 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 Black Hawk County Child Care Resource and Referral at 319 233-0804 if you have any ongoing compliance or training needs.

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

Corrective Action Required:

Jodi needs to ensure that all guns and weapons are secured and not accessible to children at all times. A safety plan was developed on this date whereas Jodi agreed to have those unsafe items secured at all times. This worker will do an un-announced drop in as a follow up to the safety plan developed on this date.

Jodi needs to develop and post her emergency plan for fire and tornado at her secondary exit and send pictorial verification.
Jodi did sent verification of this on this same date.

Jodi needs to obtain an updated physical exam for her husband on the approved HHS form.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: On 2/7/25 the HHS compliance worker did an unannounced drop in on the home of Jodi Lamos in follow up to the safety plan developed at her annual check on 1/9/25. This worker did recheck the gun safes and they were both locked and secured accordingly.

  Jodi was also supposed to have sent pictorial verification to this worker of the emergency plan for fire and tornado being posted at her secondary exit and she had sent pictorial verification of this on 1/9/25 as had been requested.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 2/7/2025 1:58:50 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).