09/25/2023

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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 09/25/2023. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. 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)“ 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(5) **Safe Sleep**

441 IAC 110.8(5) "a" The provider shall follow safe sleep practices as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics for infants under the age of one.

a. Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.
b. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.
c. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child shall be allowed to sleep in an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat, or items not designed for sleeping.
d. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.
e. No co-sleeping shall be allowed.
f. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.
g. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

441 IAC 110.8(5) "b" No child shall be allowed to sleep in any item not designed for sleeping including, but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, or bouncy seat.

441 IAC 110.8(5) "c" A crib or crib like furniture which has a waterproof mattress covering and sufficient bedding to enable a child to rest comfortably and which meets the current standards or recommendations from the Consumer Product Safety Commission or ASTM International for juvenile products shall be provided for each child under two years of age if developmentally appropriate. Crib

railings shall be fully raised and secured when the child is in the crib. A crib or crib like furniture shall be provided for the number of children present at any one time. The home shall maintain all cribs or crib like furniture and bedding in a clean and sanitary manner. There shall be no restraining devices of any type used in cribs.

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

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(4) Children's Files. An individual file for each child shall be maintained and updated annually or when the provider becomes aware of changes. The file shall contain:

a. Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child, and the parent's work address and telephone number.

b. Emergency information including, at a minimum, where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone number of the child's regular source of health care, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.

c. A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

d. An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician

1. The date of the physical examination shall not be more than 12 months before

the child's first day of attendance at the child development home.
2. The written report shall include past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary.
3. For a child who is five years of age or older and enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physical examination report.
4. The examination report or statement of health status shall be on file before the child's first day of care

e. For children under the age of 6,a statement of health condition signed by a physician or designee submitted annually from the date of the admission physical. For a child who is enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physician statement.
f. For each school-age child, on the first day of attendance, documentation of a physical examination that was completed at the time of school enrollment or since.
g. A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health. For the school-age child, a copy of the most recent immunization record shall be acceptable.
h. For any child with allergies, a written emergency plan in the case of an allergic reaction. A copy of this information shall accompany the child if the child leaves the premises.
i. Documentation that is signed by the parent and names persons authorized to pick up the child. The authorization shall include the name, telephone number, and relationship of the authorized person to the child.
j. Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.**k.** Injury report forms documenting injuries requiring first aid or medical care
l. If the child meets the definition of homelessness as defined by section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, the family shall receive a 60-day grace period to obtain medical documentation.

Findings:

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A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.
An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician
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Suggestions/Recommendations:

1. Smoke detectors need to be installed in each room occupied by children.
2. When I arrived at the home an infant was sleeping in a car seat. Safe Sleep must be practiced at all times. If Safe Sleep is not practiced at all times it could result in your Child Registration being revoked. This needs to be effective immediately.
3. DHHS Medical Physical Forms need to be completed by a qualified medical professional and in your file. You communicated you and your daughters have appointments in November to complete this process. I gave you blank forms to take to the doctor. Please text me pictures of the Physicals when they are completed.
4. Your Provide file needs to have current certificates of completion for CPR and Mandatory Reporting in the file or available electronically. CCR&R has funding to assist with the training fee for the CPR Training.
5. Any Assistant needs a file containing completed DHHS Medical Physical and a certificate of completion for Mandatory Reporting Training.
6. The child files need to be updated to ensure each file has the necessary medical documentation, policy information, and consents. This information is listed above and I left a checklist of the required information also.

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above corrections need to be completed by 11/25/2023 and will be reviewed on your next compliance check.

I encourage you to work with Heather Sheesley from Child Care Resource and Referral with the above corrections and any other training or compliance efforts. Heather can assist you with addressing the individual child file contents.

Heather can be reached

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 515-601-9469/jaringd@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Jake Aringdale

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).