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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 06/24/2025. 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 110.8(1) **Facility Requirements**

441 IAC 110.8(1)"i" Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited at all times in the home and in every vehicle in which children receiving care in the home are transported.
Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the outdoor play area during the home's hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance of the child care home and in every vehicle used to transport children.
All signs shall include:

1. The telephone number for reporting complaints, and
2. The Internet address of the department of public health (www.iowasmokefreeair.gov)

441 IAC 110.8(1)"n" Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home.

1. Each dog or cat in the household shall undergo an annual health examination by a licensed veterinarian. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. This examination shall verify that the animal's routine immunizations, particularly rabies, are current and that the animal shows no evidence of endoparasites (roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) and ectoparasites (fleas, mites, ticks, lice).
2. Each pet bird in the household shall be purchased from a dealer licensed by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship and shall be examined by a veterinarian to verify that it is free of infectious diseases. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. Children shall not handle pet birds.
3. Aquariums shall be well maintained and installed in a manner that prevents children from accessing the water or pulling over a tank.
4. All animal waste shall be immediately removed from the children's areas and properly disposed of. Children shall not perform any feeding or care of pets or cleanup of pet waste.
5. No animals shall be allowed in the food preparation, food storage, or serving areas during food preparation and serving times

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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)“b”(2) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person’s involvement with child care.

Findings:

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Suggestions/Recommendations:

Child Care Resource & Referral

Roxana: 515-246-3507 Ext. 2387
Work Cell: 515-202-1310

Please do not hesitate to access the free and voluntary consulting services offered by CCR&R to assist with any compliance related needs or questions.

The registration unit has been notified of your family members living in the basement apartment. All other corrections must be completed by 7/31/2025. No recheck is planned at this time. All corrections will be verified at the time of the next compliance visit.

Corrective Action Required:

Per my compliance visit on 6/24/2025 the following issues need addressed based on the above mentioned rules:
1. Your vet statement needs completed on the state required form. This needs updated yearly.
2. CCR&R is providing you with a new "no smoking" sign. These need posted at every entrance of the child care home.
3. Your family members live in the basement apartment. They have a separate entrance to the house, but you have access to the apartment from your first floor. Both family members work outside the home and are not present during daycare hours. Their contact information has been given to the registration unit.

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 515-339-8262 ellen.abbott@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Ellen Abbott

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 515-202-1310

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).