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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 03/23/2023. 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:

FINDINGS:	**Identify FINDINGS in each area of non-compliance.**
441 IAC 110.6	Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.6(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.
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)"a"	The home shall have a nonpay, working land-line or mobile telephone with emergency numbers posted for police, fire, ambulance, and the poison information center. The number for each child's parent, for a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and for the child's physician shall be written on paper and readily accessible by the telephone. The home must prominently display all emergency information, and all travel vehicles must have a paper copy of emergency parent contact information
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)"d"	Approved safety gates at stairways and doors shall be provided and used as needed.
441 IAC 110.8(1)"g"	The home shall have at least one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher located in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
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(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)"r" The certificate of registration shall be displayed in a conspicuous place.

441 IAC 110.8(2) Use of Outdoor Space

441 IAC 110.8(2) "a" A safe outdoor play area shall be maintained in good condition throughout the year. The play area shall be fenced off when located on a busy thoroughfare or near a hazard which may be injurious to a child, and shall have both sunshine and shade areas. The play area shall be kept free from litter, rubbish, and flammable materials and shall be free from contamination by drainage or ponding of sewage, household waste, or storm water.

441 IAC 110.8(3) Medications and Hazardous Materials

441 IAC 110.8(3)"c" Medications shall be given only with the parent's or doctor's written authorization. Each prescribed medication shall be accompanied by a physician's or pharmacist's direction. Both nonprescription and prescription medications shall be in the original container with directions intact and labeled with the child's name. All medications shall be stored properly and, when refrigeration is required, shall be stored in a separate, covered container so as to prevent contamination of food or other medications. All medications shall be stored so they are inaccessible to children. Any medication administered to a child shall be recorded, and the record shall indicate the name of the medication, the date and time of administration, and the amount given

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 110.8(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) "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)“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:

1. 110.6 On the day of the compliance visit the provider was only caring for four children, however, the compliance visit was also a visit to address a complaint. The provider has been billing for up to 10 children at one time. The provider signed a safety plan agreeing to abide by the Category A child ratios.

2. 110.8 The home had several safety issues including uncapped outlets, holes in a wall next to an outlet, no gate at the top of the stairs, broken play equipment outside, no gate at the top of the deck and unsafe sleep practices.

3. 110.8(1)a The provider had the form hanging up for emergency contact information for each child's parent, but the form was not filled out. The provider insisted that the numbers were in her phone. SW Bailey explained that in an emergency where she was not available, it would be important for others to know how to get in contact with the children's parents. The provider stated that, on occasion, she does transport the children. SW Bailey informed her that she would need an emergency contact form in her vehicle as well.

4. 110.8(1)b The provider had several outlets that were not capped, one outlet in the hallway, the wall had a hole in it where potentially exposed wires could be accessed by a child.

5. 110.8(1)d The provider reported that the gate at the top of the stairs was a tension gate and the children know how to unhook it so she took it down. When the children are up playing, the provider pushes the couch across the opening by the stairs so the children don't have access. The CCNC stated that she would help the provider install a baby gate that drills into the wall so that children are unable to remove it.

6. 110.8(1)g The provider does have a 2A-10BC fire extinguisher, but it is located above the refrigerator, in a cabinet, which she had to use a kitchen chair to reach it and then move several items to get it out of the cabinet. The provider needs to move the fire extinguisher to a more convenient location so that it is readily available when it is needed.

7. 110.8(1)h The provider needs to add additional smoke detectors to the home and keep a record of testing those monthly.

8. 110.8(1)i The provider needs to hang up No Smoking Signs at every entrance of the home and in her vehicle. SW Bailey provided No Smoking Signs.

9. 110.8(1)o Provider needs to keep injury report forms if any child gets injured or requires first aid while in her care, and keep on file.

10. 110.8(1)r Provider has her registration certificate, but she needs to display it in a conspicuous place in her home.

11. 110.8(2)a Provider has a large yard/play area for the children, but the area needs to be cleaned up and the broken toys need to be removed.

12. 110.8(3)c Provider needs to keep a log if she provides any medications to children.

13. 110.8(5)a SW Bailey observed a 10 month old infant sleeping in a pack and play, one rail was not completely raised and the infant was sleeping on top of a blanket. Provider signed a safety plan agreeing to abide by Safe Sleep policies. CCNC was present and helped explain the safe sleep policy and will continue to work with the provider and will work on getting the provider safe sleeping equipment.

14. 110.9(1) Provider File:
- Provider was unable to located her Mandatory Reporter training certificate.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Work with CCR&R and CCNC to assure that daycare is safe.

Corrective Action Required:

It is recommended that the provider work with the resources provided to address all safety concerns in a timely manner so that her re-check confirms that the children in her home will be safe and her daycare can remain open.

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 319-800-4702 or hbailey@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Holly Bailey

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).