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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 05/06/2019. 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(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 110.9 Files

441 IAC 110.9(1) A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:

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:

Per the compliance visit completed on 5/6/19, the following corrections are necessary based on the above mentioned rules:

1. Please be sure that you do not leave your hair dryer plugged into an outlet in the bathroom that children are using this cord is accessible to them and could present a hazard. Your tv in the living room has a hanging cord for an antennae, please make sure this cord is secured and not able to be pulled on or accessed by children.
2. There is a rusted burn barrel and rusted grill rack in the back yard in the vicinity of the play area, please remove these items as they present a hazard.
3. 2 of 5 daycare children need an updated physical in their file. 1 of 5 children need a signed emergency medical treatment authorization form on file. You indicated you have all the forms necessary. I did provide a packet of forms at the time of my visit to assist with this requirement as needed.

Suggestions for Improvement:

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)
Consultant: KELLY PHELPS 515-802-7292

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

While not out of compliance at your visit, we discussed safe sleeping requirements for infants under 1. You reported you have been having a 6 month old sleep on a blanket on the floor. You indicated you have a pack and play that you can use, which is in the basement. In moving forward please use the pack and play as this is a safer more appropriate option. I have also included information in this mailing about the recent concerns with teething necklaces. Please be sure no child in care uses teething necklaces or sleeps with anything around their neck (bib, elastic hair band, any type of jewelry, a pacifier attachment, etc.)

Recommendation:

All corrections must be completed by 6/26/19. No recheck is planned at this time. All corrections will be verified at the time of the next annual compliance visit.

[] Is the recommendation to terminate a provider agreement or revoke a registration?

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.

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will not be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 515-219-0189/mcrawfo@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Crawford

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).