

06/06/2023

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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 06/06/2023. 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 110.9 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

441 IAC 110.14 **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME CATEGORY "B"**

441 IAC 110.14(1)"e" If more than eight children are present at any one time for a period of more than two hours, the provider shall be assisted by a department-approved assistant who is at least 14 years old, unless extra children are present as a result of an emergency school closing

Findings:

441 IAC 110.9(1)"b" (1) I-PoWeR records or certificates

****The provider was unable to locate her certificate for Mandatory reporter training.**

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****Provider had nine children in the home during the compliance visit.**

****Compliance staff received a phone call upon entering the driveway of the childcare home. While on the phone, compliance staff saw a teenage girl and four children, preschool and possible young school age, leave the home by going out the back door. Also, while compliance staff was still speaking to another provider, a school aged child entered the front door of the home and then soon after, left by going out the back of the home with an additional preschool aged child.**

When this was addressed with the provider, she stated that her granddaughter had stopped by on her way to the park with some kids. I also asked about the the child walking in and then out the back door. She stated that an older sibling came to get the younger one to go to the park. If that is the case, the provider was over by two children at the time of the compliance visit.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Regarding the number of children in the home, compliance staff is concerned that the provider is taking on more than her registration will allow, even with an assistant. Discussion was held to add her granddaughter to her registration as an assistant. Provider was reminded that she cannot exceed 8 preschool aged children at any time. While compliance was present, the provider had 7 preschool aged children and 2 school aged. The other children that walked out the door could place the provider over in the preschool age group by 4.

Regarding the Mandatory reporter training certificate, the provider will need to send a copy to compliance staff by August 6, 2023. This can be by texted picture to 712-435-0576 or email to sburris@dhs.state.ia.us

Corrective Action Required:

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 712-435-0576 sburris@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Social Worker II



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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).