04/14/2023

Deanna Witte and Justin Witte
505 Fremont ST
Marshalltown, IA 50158

Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home C conducted on 04/12/2023. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. Your home is rated a 1 on 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)"c"	Combustible materials shall be kept a minimum of three feet away from furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and gas dryers
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

Findings:

Per our 4/12/2023 spot check visit, the following corrections need to be made as described in the policy sections above:

1. You need to create more space around your second story furnace, cleaning out the space next to the furnace unit.

2. You need to obtain a current vet statement for your 2 dogs and 2 cats to have on file. These need to be completed using the State form I shared a copy of and need to be renewed every year.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

I encourage you to work with Casey Shelton from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Casey can be reached at: (515) 246-3572

Corrective Action Required:

The above corrections need to be in place by 6/30/2023. I will not be conducting a re-check at your home, but will review the corrections during your next visit.

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) 291-0008 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Earl Crow

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).