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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 04/05/2024. 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** |
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| 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)"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)"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)"n" | Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home.<br>**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).<br>**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.<br>**3.** Aquariums shall be well maintained and installed in a manner that prevents children from accessing the water or pulling over a tank.<br>**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

441 IAC 110.8(1)"q" The provider shall have written policy and procedures for responding to health-related emergencies

441 IAC 110.8(1)"r" The certificate of registration shall be displayed in a conspicuous place.

**441 IAC 110.8(4)** **Emergency Plans**

441 IAC 110.8(4) Emergency Plans: plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.

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 110.9 Files

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

441 IAC 110.9(1)"a" A physician's examination report for the provider and all members of the provider's household aged 18 years or older. Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. All children residing in the household must have medical documentation outlined in 110.9(4) "d", 110.9(4) "f", and 110.9(4) "g"

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 110.9(2) An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains:
1. Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under subrule 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person's involvement with child care
2. A completed Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. The examination shall include any necessary testing for communicable diseases; a discussion of recommended vaccinations; completed no more than six months prior to approval to assist or be a household member; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.
3. Certification of two hours of approved training related to identification and reporting of child abuse as required by Iowa Code section 232.69 within 3 months of employment.

Findings:

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.

The provider did not have emergency telephone numbers posted in the home.

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.

There were combustible materials within three feet of the furnace and water heater.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“h” The provider shall test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes.

The provider could not locate documentation of monthly testing of the smoke detectors.

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).

The provider could not locate current physical examinations for their dogs on form 470-5153.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“q” The provider shall have written policy and procedures for responding to health-related emergencies.

The provider could not locate a written health related emergency policy.

441 IAC 110.8(1)”r” The certificate of registration shall be displayed in a conspicuous place.

The provider's certificate of registration was not posted in the home.

441 IAC 110.8(4) Emergency Plans: plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.

Emergency exit plans for fire and tornado were not hung by the exits of the home.

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.

The provider could not locate documentation of completed fire and tornado drills.

441 IAC 110.9(1)“a” A physician’s examination report for the provider and all members of the provider’s household aged 18 years or older . Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. All children residing in the household must have medical documentation outlined in 110.9(4) “d”, 110.9(4) “f”, and 110.9(4) “g”

Documentation of current physical examinations are needed for all the provider's children.

441 IAC 110.9(1)“b” (1) I-PoWeR records or certificates verifying required training completion:

Prior to registration:
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.

The provider was unable to provide documentation of her current mandatory reporter and CPR/first aid certifications either in her files or in I-Power.

441 IAC 110.9(2) An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains:
A completed Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. The examination shall include any necessary testing for communicable diseases; a discussion of recommended vaccinations; completed no more than six months prior to approval to assist or be a household member; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.

The provider did not have documentation of current mandatory reporter certification for either assistant.

441 IAC 110.9(4) Children's files. An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:
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 where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city, and telephone of the child's regular doctor, 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. For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.
For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian or admission physical examination that is not more than 12 months from the child's first day.
e. For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.
For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of statement of health or admission physical.
f. For each school-age child, record of a physical exam completed at the time of school enrollment or since.
g. A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state Department of Public Health.
h. Written emergency plans for children with allergies. Must accompany child if away from facility.
i. Documentation signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.
j. Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home.

Several of the children's files need updated documents including physical examinations and immunization records.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time, corrections need to be made by 5/5/24 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

I encourage you to work with Amber Kollbaum from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Amber can be reached at (712) 541-3498

Corrective Action Required:

Please post in the home emergency numbers 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.

Please move all combustible materials a minimum of three feet away from the furnace and water heater.

Please document monthly testing of the smoke detectors.

Please provide documentation of current physical examinations for your pets on form 470-5153.

Please write up a health-related emergency policy.

Please post your registration certificate in a conspicuous place in the home.

Please post emergency exit plans for fire and tornado by all exits of the home.

Please document completed monthly fire and tornado drills.

Please provide documentation of current physical examinations for your children.

Please provide documentation of your current mandatory reporter and CPR/first aid certifications.

Please provide documentation of your assistant's mandatory reporter certifications.

Please update the children's files as needed.

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 djaehrl@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Dave Jaehrling

**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).