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Karla Weber
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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 09/19/2024. 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(5)	**Safe Sleep**
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.

Findings:

An annual compliance check was completed on 9/19/24 and the following was out of compliance:

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.

Karla had 3 babies under the age of 12 months but only had one sleeping item. She reported that the 4-month-old and 5-month-old currently sleep on the floor. We discussed that each child under the age of 2 needs to have their own crib or pack-n-play to sleep in. WE did develop a safety plan in regards to her obtaining the appropriate sleeping items for the number of children under 2 in care.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 9/27/24 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check. Please call this worker to verify you have the appropriate cribs/pack-n-plays.

I encourage you to work with Rachel Bonefas from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs. A referral is being made to CCR&R due to the non-compliance with safe sleep policies.

Rachel can be reached at (563) 362-8225.

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

Corrective Action Required:

Karla needs to ensure she is abiding by all safe sleep policies at all times. Karla agreed to obtain the additional cribs or pack-n-plays so that each child under the age of 2 has their own sleeping item. A referral is being made to CCR&R to follow up with Karla to review Safe Sleep policies. This HHS worker will plan to do an unannounced drop in, in the near future to verify compliance with safe sleep policies and practices.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: This worker did an annual compliance check on 9/19/24. At that time Karla Weber was found to be out of compliance with safe sleep practices. A safety plan was developed accordingly. Karla agreed to follow all safe sleep practices, and she needed to obtain 2 additional cribs or pack-n-plays for 2 infants she had in care.

  Karla did take steps to obtain 2 additional sleeping items for the babies she had in care, and she did send pictorial verification to this worker. Although not specified in the safety plan, the letter that follows the annual compliance check did make a referral to CCR&R to connect with Karla to address safe sleep. The CCR&R worker did reach out to Karla via phone on 9/20/24 and offered to meet in person but Karla declined.

  This HHS worker did a follow up on 10/21/24 to verify compliance with safe sleep. On this date she only had one infant the older children were napping on cots. The infant was not napping when this worker was present although Karla did try to lay the baby down for a nap. Karla did follow safe sleep practices while this worker was present, and I did observe the appropriate amount of safe sleep items for the infants she has enrolled. This worker also reviewed an Infant Safe Sleep checklist with Karla while I was present, and she signed off on that and kept a copy for her records.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 10/22/2024 9:53:57 AM

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 319-429-0749 or cweber@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christine Weber

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).