02/08/2024

Ruth Martinez
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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 02/08/2024. 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 110.7	**Provider Requirements**
441 IAC 110.8	Standards. Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.
441 IAC 110.8(1)	**Facility Requirements**
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(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 110.8(5)	**Safe Sleep**
441 IAC 110.8(5) "a"	The provider shall follow safe sleep practices as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics for infants under the age of one. **a.** Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep. **b.** Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. **c.** Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child shall be allowed to sleep in an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat, or items not designed for sleeping. **d.** No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.

e. No co-sleeping shall be allowed.
f. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.
g. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

441 IAC 110.8(5) "b" No child shall be allowed to sleep in any item not designed for sleeping including, but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, or bouncy seat.

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:

441 IAC 110.8
441 IAC 110.8(1)h. Smoke detectors. Monthly documentation.
441 IAC 110.8(4)a. Emergency plans. Fire and tornado drill monthly documentation.
441 IAC 110.8(5) Safe Sleep.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

I encourage you to continue working with Child Care Resource and Referral for ongoing child care needs.
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Corrective Action Required:

Ruth needs to resume monthly smoke detector testing and fire/tornado drills and maintain written documentation.
Ruth needs to put an emergency plan back up by secondary exit as the one there was faded and needed to be replaced.
Ruth admitted to sleeping a 6 month old infant on the couch for naps. A safety plan was completed with Ruth today for safe sleep. Ruth needs to put pack and play or crib up for child to sleep in and send picture verification of this to Kathy before the child returns for care.

Ruth needs to send picture confirmation of safe sleep environment immediately and needs to send verification of the other items by 3/25/24. Items can be emailed to kathy.j.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov or texted to 563-949-6971.

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 563-949-6971 or kathy.j.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Huinker

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).