10/03/2023

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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 10/03/2023. 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:

| **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)"e" | Annual laboratory analysis of a private water supply shall be conducted to show satisfactory bacteriological quality. When children under the age of two are to be cared for, the analysis shall include a nitrate analysis. When private water supplies are determined unsuitable for drinking, commercially bottled water or water treated through a process approved by the health department or designee shall be provided. |
| 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)"i" | Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited at all times in the home and in every vehicle in which children receiving care in the home are transported.<br>Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the outdoor play area during the home's hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance of the child care home and in every vehicle used to transport children.<br>All signs shall include:<br>**1.** The telephone number for reporting complaints, and<br>**2.** The Internet address of the department of public health (www.iowasmokefreeair.gov) |
| 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).

**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

**441 IAC 110.8(2)** **Use of Outdoor Space**

441 IAC 110.8(2) "a" A safe outdoor play area shall be maintained in good condition throughout the year. The play area shall be fenced off when located on a busy thoroughfare or near a hazard which may be injurious to a child, and shall have both sunshine and shade areas. The play area shall be kept free from litter, rubbish, and flammable materials and shall be free from contamination by drainage or ponding of sewage, household waste, or storm water.

**441 IAC 110.8(3)** **Medications and Hazardous Materials**

441 IAC 110.8(3)"b" A first-aid kit shall be available and easily accessible whenever children are in the child development home, in the outdoor play area, in vehicles used to transport children, and on field trips. The kit shall be sufficient to address first aid related to minor injury or trauma and shall be stored in an area inaccessible to children. The kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.

**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)"b"(2) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person's involvement with child care.

441 IAC 110.9(4) Children's Files. An individual file for each child shall be maintained and updated annually or when the provider becomes aware of changes. The file shall contain:

**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, at a minimum, where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone number of the child's regular source of health

care, 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.** An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician

**1.** The date of the physical examination shall not be more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance at the child development home.

**2.** The written report shall include past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary.

**3.** For a child who is five years of age or older and enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physical examination report.

**4.** The examination report or statement of health status shall be on file before the child's first day of care

**e.** For children under the age of 6,a statement of health condition signed by a physician or designee submitted annually from the date of the admission physical. For a child who is enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physician statement.

**f.** For each school-age child, on the first day of attendance, documentation of a physical examination that was completed at the time of school enrollment or since.

**g.** A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health. For the school-age child, a copy of the most recent immunization record shall be acceptable.

**h.** For any child with allergies, a written emergency plan in the case of an allergic reaction. A copy of this information shall accompany the child if the child leaves the premises.

**i.** Documentation that is signed by the parent and names persons authorized to pick up the child. The authorization shall include the name, telephone number, and relationship of the authorized person to the child.

**j.** Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.**k.** Injury report forms documenting injuries requiring first aid or medical care

**l.** If the child meets the definition of homelessness as defined by section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, the family shall receive a 60-day grace period to obtain medical documentation.

Findings:

441 IAC 110.8(1)a.Number for each child's parent, a person who can be reached when parent cannot and child's physician is written on paper and readily accessible by the working telephone.
441 IAC 110.8(1)e. An annual laboratory analysis shows satisfactory bacteriological quality if a private water supply is used. Nitrate analysis when children under 2.
441 IAC 110.8(1)h. Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.
441 IAC 110.8(1)i. Nonsmoking signs posted at every entrance of the home and in every vehicle used to transport children. Signs include telephone number for reporting complaints and www.iowasmokefreeair.gov.
441 IAC 110.8(1)n. Pet birds are purchased from an approved dealer. Examined by a veterinarian to verify free of infectious diseases. Children are not allowed to handle pet birds.
441 IAC 110.8(2)a. A safe outdoor play area is maintained in good condition throughout the year.
441 IAC 110.8(3)b. The first aid kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.
441 IAC 110.8(4)a. Emergency and disaster plans for fire and tornado are written and posted by primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes in case of fire, a safe place indoors in case of tornado, and flood shelter areas. Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept on file for the current year and previous year.
441 IAC 110.9(1)b(2)Documentation from the department confirming record checks have been completed and authorizing or limiting the person's involvement with child care.
441 IAC 110.9(4)a-j. Child files. An individual file is maintained for each file and updated annually.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Janet needs to update emergency numbers for enrolled children and ensure it includes numbers for parent, emergency contact, and child's doctor.
Janet needs an updated water sample taken.
Janet needs to resume monthly smoke detector, fire and tornado drill documentation.
Janet needs nonsmoking signs for ALL entrances of the home.
Janet needs a vet statement for her pet bird.
Janet needs a bottle of water for her first aid kit.
Janet needs to post emergency plans by primary and secondary exits and ensure it contains tornado, fire locations and flood shelter location..
Janet needs to remove the chainsaw from the children's play area.
Janet needs completed HHS background check letter.
Janet needs to ensure that all enrolled children have updated forms (all forms signed and dated within the last year, physicals and immunizations within the last year).

Corrective Action Required:

A follow up visit will not be required. Janet will send verification of the above items to Kathy by 11/20/2023. Items can be emailed to khuinke@dhs.state.ia.us or texted to 563-949-6971.  Child files do not be sent - they will be reviewed at next year's compliance visit.

I encourage you to work with Child Care Resource and Referral for ongoing child care needs.
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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 khuinke@dhs.state.ia.us 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).