

09/02/2020

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home A conducted on 09/01/2020. 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 110.7**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)“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)“b” Electrical wiring shall be maintained, and all accessible electrical outlets shall be tamper-resistant outlets or shall be safely capped. Electrical cords shall be properly used. Improper use includes running cords under rugs, over hooks, through door openings, or other use that has been known to be hazardous
- 441 IAC 110.8(1)“g” The home shall have at least one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher located in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
- 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.
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(1)“p” The provider shall have written policies regarding the care of mildly ill children and exclusion of children due to illness and shall inform parents of these policies.

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(3) Medications and Hazardous Materials

441 IAC 110.8(3)“a” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child

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 110.9 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”(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.

Findings:

Bonnie will remove chemicals and spices from her upstairs living room area and place in a child inaccessible area.

Bonnie needs to post her emergency contact numbers for police, fire, ambulance and poison control and her emergency contact numbers for her daycare children in a conspicuous place upstairs.

It should be noted that Bonnie is currently undergoing a kitchen re-model in her upstairs living area. There is plastic sheeting blocking off this construction area from the upstairs living room area.

Bonnie needs to insure that she has a class 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher for her upstairs level of her home. This worker could not locate it during today's visit.

Bonnie needs to check her smoke detectors on a monthly basis and document when this occurred. Bonnie also needs to practice monthly fire and tornado drills with her daycare children and document when this occurs. There was no data for these activities for 2020.

Bonnie needs to show documentation of current physicals for 2 dogs on the Pet Health Examination Report form.

Bonnie needs to show documentation of her health policies/procedures for when children cannot come to her childcare home due to pre-existing illness; her procedures for dealing with a child that becomes sick while in her care; and how she would handle a daycare child that experiences a health related emergency while in her care.

Bonnie needs to display her certificate of registration in an area where parents can plainly view it while in her home.

Bonnie needs to place all items labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children" that are located in her upstairs bathroom drawers in a child locked or inaccessible area.

Bonnie needs to post her emergency plans for fire and tornado near her front door and near her back patio door.

Bonnie needs to have tight fitted sheets for her Pack-N-Play mattresses (x4).

Bonnie needs to show documentation of a current physical for Brianna and Chris on the Childcare Provider Physical Examination Report form.

Bonnie needs to show documentation of a background check approval for Chris Stott prior to him residing again in the home. This worker had Bonnie sign a safety plan to this extent during today's visit.

Bonnie needs to move her childcare operation upstairs to her living room area until emergency egress steps are created to her basement window. Bonnie had her childcare operation downstairs during today's visit. This worker had Bonnie sign a safety plan that she will not utilize her basement area for childcare until this is completed.

Suggestions/Recommendations:



Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

Kim Reynolds
Governor

Adam Gregg
Lt. Governor

Kelly K. Garcia
Director

Corrective Action Required:

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home either on or after 10/22/20.

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) 208-5521/creckli@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Chad Reckling

Social Worker II

Machelle Pezley

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 563-324-3236

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).