



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the follow up at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 08/17/2020. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. 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(1)“q”                      The provider shall have written policy and procedures for responding to health-related emergencies

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(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(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:

Chad Reckling, SW II conducted a follow up visit to the childcare home on 8/17/20. The following was observed:

Lauretta needs to insure that she documents her monthly smoke detector and fire and tornado drills that she practices with her children. Data is missing for May 2020. This was observed to be completed.

Lauretta needs to show documentation of current course completion for Mandatory Reporter Training for child abuse for herself. This was observed to be completed.

Lauretta needs to show documentation of current course completion for Mandatory Reporter Training for Child Abuse for Ray. This was observed to be completed.

#### Items of non-compliance still present after today's visit:

Lauretta needs to secure her electrical cords from her television to the wall or move them to a child inaccessible area. Lauretta needs to show documentation of her policies on how she would handle a daycare child who experiences a health-related emergency while in her care.

Lauretta needs to show documentation of a current physical for herself on the Childcare Physical Examination Report form.

Lauretta needs to show documentation of her current background check approval letter from the central childcare registration unit. A copy can be obtained from the unit if needed.

Lauretta needs to show documentation of a current approval letter for Ray to be an assistant for her childcare operation.

#### Suggestions for Improvement:

#### Recommendation:

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 8/31/20.

[ ] Is the recommendation to terminate a provider agreement or revoke a registration?

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.

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

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**

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**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](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).