01/22/2024

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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 01/22/2024. 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:

FINDINGS:	**Identify FINDINGS in each area of non-compliance.**
441 IAC 110.6	Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.6(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.
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)“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) “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(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

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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:

An annual compliance check was completed on 1/22/24and the following was out of compliance:

441 IAC 110.6 Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.6(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.
Pamela had 9 preschool aged children in her care on this date and as a registered B provider she is only allowed 8 at a time.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“a” 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.
Pamela had part of this information written out, but she did not have the emergency contact number or physician information for each child.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“h” . The provider shall test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes.
Pamela did not yet have any documentation for this year (January) but she also did not have any documentation to show from last year.

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.
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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:
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.
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.
A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.
Documentation list 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.
Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.
Pamela was missing the above intake information for one of the children in her care today.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 2/12/24 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

I encourage you to work with Black Hawk County Child Care Resource and Referral at 319 233-0804 with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Thank you for your service in providing child care in your community.

Corrective Action Required:

Pamela needs to ensure that she has no more children in her care than the number authorized on the registration certificate. We did discuss her being over numbers on this date. She did report that there was one child here today who is only a dop in a at most a few days per week. She noted that typically it is not an issue. We did discuss the need for her to manage the numbers she has, and she can only allow the drop in children if another child is not present so as not to put her over her numbers. She did state that she understood this expectation.

Pamela needs to have the number for each child's parent, a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and the child's physician shall be written on paper and readily accessible by the telephone. This worker did provide her a form to use for documentation purposes.

Pamela needs to test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes. We did discuss that she should keep the year prior. This was an area that was also out of compliance at last years annual check, so she needs to ensure she is doing this.

Pamela needs to ensure that 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.

Pamela needs to work with the parents to ensure she has all the required documentation for each child.

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

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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 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).