11/21/2023

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the pre-inspection visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 11/15/2023. 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**

441 IAC 110.8(1)"f" A safety barrier shall surround any heating stove or heating element, in order to prevent burns.

**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) "b" The provider must have procedures in place for the following:

**1.** evacuation to safely leave the facility
**2.** relocation to a common, safe location after the evacuation
**3.** shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
**4.** lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
**5.** communication plan and plans for reunification with families
**6.** continuity of operations plans
**7.** Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

Findings:

441 IAC 110.8(1)“f” A safety barrier shall surround any heating stove or heating element, in order to prevent burns.

There was not a safety barrier present.

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.

The first-aid kit was missing disposable tweezers.

441 IAC 110.8(4) “b” The provider must have procedures in place for the following:
evacuation to safely leave the facility
relocation to a common, safe location after the evacuation
shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
communication plan and plans for reunification with families
continuity of operations plans
Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs

Autumn did not have an emergency preparedness plan filled out.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Autumn will obtain a safety barrier.
Autumn will obtain disposable tweezers.
Autumn will fill out the emergency preparedness plan that I gave during our meeting.

Corrective Action Required:

As discussed, please send pictures through text or email verifying you have the above items by 12/15/23. You will be approved once all items have been received.

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 515-380-3648/Saunspa@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Sheila Aunspach

**Social Worker II**

**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).