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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 10/29/2024. 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:

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)"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(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.

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441 IAC 110.14(3) **Facility requirements**

441 IAC 110.14(3)"c" The home shall have a minimum of two direct exits to the outside from the main floor.

1. If the second level or the basement of the home is used for the provision of child care, other than the use of a restroom, each additional child-occupied floor shall have at least one direct exit to the outside in addition to one inside stairway.
2. All exits shall terminate at grade level with permanent steps.
3. A basement window may be used as an exit if the window can be opened from the inside without the use of tools and it provides a clear opening of not less than 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height, and 5.7 square feet in area. The bottom of the opening shall be not more than 44 inches above the floor, with permanent steps inside leading up to the window
4. Occupancy above the second floor shall not be permitted for child care.

Findings:

441 IAC 110.8(1)h. Smoke detectors.
441 IAC 110.8(1)n. Pet records.
441 IAC 110.8(4)a. Fire and tornado drill documentation.
441 IAC 110.14(3)c. Use of basement.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

I encourage you to work with Child Care Resource and Referral for ongoing child care needs.

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Corrective Action Required:

Keyla needs to replace the battery in the smoke detector that was chirping during the visit.
Keyla needs HHS pet form completed for newest dog. Form is partially completed, but the vet wouldn't sign yet as too young for rabies vaccine.
Keyla needs to resume monthly fire and tornado drill documentation as she had missed a few months.
As a category B, Keyla can not use her basement as there is not a direct exit. Keyla plans on calling CCA Unit and switching back to a category A to allow her to use the basement.

Keyla needs to send verification of the above items to Kathy by 12/16/24. Items can be emailed to kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov or texted to 563-949-6971.

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 kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov 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).