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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 08/24/2020. 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 110.8(1) **Facility Requirements**

441 IAC 110.8(1)“ d” Approved safety gates at stairways and doors shall be provided and used as needed.

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(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.

Findings:

Per our spot check visit on 8/24/2020, the following corrections need to be made as described in the policy sections above:

1. You need to obtain a baby-gate for your stairway.
2. You need to obtain a size 2A -10BC fire extinguisher for both levels of your home. (This is one size larger than the one currently in your kitchen.)
3. During my visit, you had two 7 month old infants sleeping in pac-n-plays with a blanket. We removed the blankets, reviewed required practices/policy, and signed a safety plan for future practices.

Suggestions for Improvement:

Recommendation:

Safe infant sleeping practices must be followed at all times starting immediately. (We signed a safety plan reminding you of the expectations.)

The baby gate and fire extinguishers must be in place by 10/27/2020. I will not be conducting a re-check at your home but will review these corrections during our next spot check visit.

[] 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 not be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at ecrow@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Earl Crow

Social Worker II

Ashley McLaughlin

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).