02/07/2025

Louise Lawson
409 Blue Bell CT
Hudson, IA 50643

Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 02/07/2025. 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(3) **Medications and Hazardous Materials**

441 IAC 110.8(3)"a" All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child

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 110.14(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:

An annual compliance check was completed on 2/7/25 and the following was out of compliance:

441 IAC 110.8(3)“a” All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child.
Louise did have cleaners under the bathroom sink in the lower level of the home that were not secured from access by a child.

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”.
Louise did not have a current physical exam for her husband.

441 IAC 110.14(3)“c” The home shall have a minimum of two direct exits to the outside from the main floor.
If the second level or the basement of the home is used for the provision of childcare, 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. All exits shall terminate at grade level with permanent steps.
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Occupancy above the second floor shall not be permitted for childcare.
Louise does have an egress window as a second exit from the lower level of the home, but it was blocked off by some items and had books and other items piled on the stairs making the exit not quickly accessible.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 2/28/25 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check. Please send pictorial verification of the items where specifically noted below.

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

Thank you for your service in providing childcare in your community.

Corrective Action Required:

Louise needs to move the cleaners under the bathroom sink in the lower level of the home and send pictorial verification. Louise did move those items and sent pictorial verification this same date.

Louise needs to obtain a current physical exam for her husband, and it needs to be on the approved HHS form.

Louise needs to clear the items away from the egress window in the lower level of the home and take the items off the stairs, so the exit is easily accessible. She needs to send pictorial verification to this worker.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: Louise did clear the items away from her egress window and took items off the steps as requested. She sent pictorial verification on 2/11/25.

  As of 2/11/25 she has sent pictorial verification of the items requested.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 2/13/2025 1:17:08 PM

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 christy.weber@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christine Weber

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).