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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 11/01/2023. 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(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 110.8(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.

Findings:

It should be noted that this is the first full compliance visit completed since her initial registration last year. Jolie does not currently have children enrolled and has not had any children since her initial approval. She is currently working outside of the home but hopes to have children enroll in the future so she can provider child care in the home. Jolie does not speak much English but her husband was present to translate.

An annual compliance check was completed on 11/1/23 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.
Jolie did have some chemicals in the bathroom cabinet that were not secured from access by a child.

441 IAC 110.8(3)“b” The First Aid kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.
She did not have a water bottle.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Jolie needs to ensure all chemicals and hazardous materials are secured from access by a child. She either needs to move the chemicals under the sink or secure that cabinet with a latch.

Jolie needs to add a water bottle to her first aid kit.

We did discuss that if and when she has some children enrolled she should reach out to her CCR&R support for assistance in beginning care.

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 11/30/23 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

I encourage you to work with Ashley Cram from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Ashley can be reached at (563) 362-8224.

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

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).