10/15/2024

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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 10/14/2024. 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)"b"	Electrical wiring shall be maintained, and all accessible electrical outlets shall be tamper-resistant outlets or shall be safely capped. Electrical cords shall be properly used. Improper use includes running cords under rugs, over hooks, through door openings, or other use that has been known to be hazardous
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(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)"p"	The provider shall have written policies regarding the care of mildly ill children and exclusion of children due to illness and shall inform parents of these policies.
441 IAC 110.8(1)"q"	The provider shall have written policy and procedures for responding to health-related emergencies
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)"b" (1)	I-PoWeR records or certificates verifying required training completion:

Prior to registration:

- minimum health and safety training, approved by the Department, in required content areas
- Iowa's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training

Prior to registration: First Aid and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Provider shall maintain a valid certificate indicating date of training and expiration date.

During each two year registration period, the provider shall receive a minimum of 24 hours of training from approved content areas. A provider shall not use a specific training or class to meet minimum continuing education requirements more than one time every five years

A provider who submits documentation from a child care resource and referral agency that the provider has completed the Iowa Program for Infant/Toddler Care (IA PITC), ChildNet, or Beyond Business Basics training series may use those hours to fulfill a maximum of two years' training requirements, not including first-aid and mandatory reporter training

Findings:

An annual compliance check was completed on 10/14/24 and the following was out of compliance:

441 IAC 110.8(1)"b" All accessible electrical outlets shall be tamper-resistant outlets or shall be safely capped.
Not all outlets were capped.

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.
Angle did have a fire extinguisher on the lower level of her home, but it was expired.

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.
Angle did not have a smoke alarm for one of the bedrooms in the home.

441 IAC 110.8(1)"p" The provider shall have written policies regarding the care of mildly ill children and exclusion of children due to illness and shall inform parents of these policies.
Angel could not locate this policy.

441 IAC 110.8(1)"q" The provider shall have written policy and procedures for responding to health-related emergencies.
Angel could not locate this policy. She does have a from to use.

441 IAC 110.8(3)"a" All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child.
Angel did have some chemicals/cleaners in reach of the children in the bathroom on the lower level of the home.

441 IAC 110.9(1)"b" (1) I-PoWeR records or certificates verifying required training completion:
Prior to registration:
minimum health and safety training, approved by the Department, in required content areas
Iowa's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training.
Angel's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter training certificate had expired in April. She stated she had taken an updated course but could not locate her certificate of verification.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

A re-check is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be made by 11/4/24 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 with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

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

Corrective Action Required:

Angel needs to ensure that all accessible outlets are capped. She did do this while I was present.

Angle needs to obtain a 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher for the lower level of her home. Angel needs to send pictorial verification when obtained.

Angle needs to obtain a smoke alarm for one of the bedrooms in the home. Angle needs to send pictorial verification to this worker.

Angel needs to develop a written policies regarding the care of mildly ill children and exclusion of children due to illness and shall inform parents of these policies. Please send pictorial verification when completed.

Angle needs to develop a written policy and procedures for responding to health-related emergencies. Please send pictorial verification when completed.

Angel needs to move the chemicals/cleaners that were in reach of the children in the bathroom on the lower level of the home. Angel needs to send pictorial verification when completed.

Angle needs to locate verification of her updated Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter training and send pictorial verification to this worker.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: Annual check was completed on 10/14/24 with Angel needing to send pictorial verification of several areas of non-compliance.

  Angel did follow through with sending pictorial verification over the last few weeks with the final items being sent on 11/9/24.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 11/13/2024 8:18:04 AM

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.weberhhs.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).