09/06/2023

Harmony Young DBA Harmonys Youngsters
2169 Larry DR NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home C conducted on 09/06/2023. 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(1) **Facility Requirements**

441 IAC 110.8(1)"i" Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited at all times in the home and in every vehicle in which children receiving care in the home are transported.
Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the outdoor play area during the home's hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance of the child care home and in every vehicle used to transport children.
All signs shall include:

1. The telephone number for reporting complaints, and
2. The Internet address of the department of public health (www.iowasmokefreeair.gov)

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**

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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 on9/6/23 and the following was out of compliance:

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Suggestions/Recommendations:

Harmony needs a no smoking sign at her primary exit and in her vehicle she uses to transport children.

Harmony needs to get an updated pet exam on the HHS approved form.

Harmony needs an emergency and disaster plan at her secondary exit. She agreed to send pictorial documentation once posted.

Harmony needs to update her Mandatory child abuse reporter training and send pictorial documentation to HHS once completed.

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time, corrections need to be made by 9/22/23 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check. Please send verification of compliance in regards to the emergency and disaster plan at the secondary exit and verification of Mandatory child abuse reporter training.

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.

Thank you for your service in providing child care in your community.

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).