07/11/2023

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 07/11/2023. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. 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)"a" The home shall have a nonpay, working land-line or mobile telephone with emergency numbers posted for police, fire, ambulance, and the poison information center. The number for each child's parent, for a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and for the child's physician shall be written on paper and readily accessible by the telephone. The home must prominently display all emergency information, and all travel vehicles must have a paper copy of emergency parent contact information

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(1)" r" The certificate of registration shall be displayed in a conspicuous place.

**441 IAC 110.8(3) Medications and Hazardous Materials**

441 IAC 110.8(3) "d" The provider shall establish procedures related to infectious disease control and handling of any bodily excrement or discharge, or blood. Soiled diapers shall be stored in containers separate from other waste.

441 IAC 110.9 Files

**441 IAC 110.9(1) A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:**

441 IAC 110.9(4) Children's Files. An individual file for each child shall be maintained and updated annually or when the provider becomes aware of changes. The file shall contain:

**a.** Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child, and the parent's work address and telephone number.
**b.** Emergency information including, at a minimum, where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone number of the child's regular source of health care, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.
**c.** A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.
**d.** An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician
**1.** The date of the physical examination shall not be more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance at the child development home.
**2.** The written report shall include past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary.
**3.** For a child who is five years of age or older and enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physical examination report.
**4.** The examination report or statement of health status shall be on file before the child's first day of care
**e.** For children under the age of 6,a statement of health condition signed by a physician or designee submitted annually from the date of the admission physical. For a child who is enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physician statement.
**f.** For each school-age child, on the first day of attendance, documentation of a physical examination that was completed at the time of school enrollment or since.
**g.** A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health. For the school-age child, a copy of the most recent immunization record shall be acceptable.
**h.** For any child with allergies, a written emergency plan in the case of an allergic reaction. A copy of this information shall accompany the child if the child leaves the premises.
**i.** Documentation that is signed by the parent and names persons authorized to pick up the child. The authorization shall include the name, telephone number, and relationship of the authorized person to the child.
**j.** Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.**k.** Injury report forms documenting injuries requiring first aid or

medical care
**l.** If the child meets the definition of homelessness as defined by section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, the family shall receive a 60-day grace period to obtain medical documentation.

Findings:

An unannounced visit was completed on 7/11/23 and the following was observed:

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441 IAC 110.9(4) Children’s Files.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Chrystal did have the number for each child’s parent, for a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and for the child’s physician shall be written on paper and readily accessible by the telephone, but it needs to be updated to include all children currently enrolled.

Chrystal did not have a no-smoking sign in her vehicle that at times she does use to transport children. She needs to obtain that.

Chrystal did not have Luna's exam on the approved form. She did have the approved form for the dog Stella so she is aware of what is needed and she agreed to get the appropriate documentation.

Chrystal's certificate of registration was not displayed in a conspicuous place. She did report that she had it posted and framed but it recently got knocked down and broke and she plan to obtain a new frame and she agreed to display it accordingly.

Chrystal's soiled diapers were not stored in containers separate from other waste. We did discuss this and Chrystal agreed to do this as is required.

In reviewing the children's files, Chrystal was missing 2 updated (annual) physicals and 2 immunization records. She agreed to get the necessary paperwork for each file.

Corrective Action Required:

A recheck is not needed at this time. Corrections need to be be made by 9/1/23 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.
Ashely 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).