

08/26/2024

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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 08/26/2024. 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 110.7 **Provider Requirements**

441 IAC 110.8 Standards. Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

441 IAC 110.8(1) **Facility Requirements**

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**

441 IAC 110.8(4) Emergency Plans: plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.

- 441 IAC 110.8(4) "b" The provider must have procedures in place for the following:
1. evacuation to safely leave the facility
 2. relocation to a common, safe location after the evacuation
 3. shelter-in-place to take immediate shelter where you are when it is unsafe to leave that location due to the emergent issue
 4. lock down protocol to protect children and providers from an external situation
 5. communication plan and plans for reunification with families
 6. continuity of operations plans
 7. Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including those with functional or access needs
- 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



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grace period to obtain medical documentation.

Findings:

Code of Iowa, Chapter 237A All areas of the residence were observed during inspection.
441 IAC 110.8(1)n. Pet records.
441 IAC 110.8(4)a. Emergency Plans. b. Emergency Preparedness Plan.
441 IAC 110.9(4) Child Files.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

I encourage you to work with Child Care Resource and Referral for ongoing child care needs.

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Corrective Action Required:

Laura was unable to locate her pet records. Laura states they are all current, however, she could not locate HHS required form. Laura will send form to Kathy once it's located.
Laura has changed where they go for tornadoes (no longer use basement, but rather main level of the home). Laura needs to update her emergency plans posted on primary and secondary exits to reflect this change. Laura also needs to update her Emergency Preparedness Plan to ensure this update is noted there as well.
Laura needs to ensure all enrolled children have updated enrollment forms (signed and dated within the last year) and current physicals and immunization certificates. Child files will be reviewed again at next year's compliance visit.
This worker was unable to view a few bedrooms on the main level of the home (not utilized for child care at any time) due to the rooms being blocked from items stored in the hallway. Laura will take a picture of these rooms and send to Kathy and rooms and hallway will be cleared for this worker to view them at next year's compliance visit.

Laura needs to send verification of the above items to Kathy by 10/14/2024. Items can be emailed to kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov or texted to 563-949-6971.

Child files do not need to be sent and will be reviewed at next year's visit.

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 563-949-6971 or kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.



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Sincerely,
Kathy Huinker

Social Worker II

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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).