02/06/2024

Akouavi Konou
2122 25th ST SW
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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the pre-inspection visit at your residence in which you are seeking child development home registration conducted on 12/20/2023. 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)"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)"d"	Approved safety gates at stairways and doors shall be provided and used as needed.
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 110.9	Files
441 IAC 110.9(1)	**A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:**
441 IAC 110.9(1)"a"	A physician's examination report for the provider and all members of the provider's household aged 18 years or older. Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. All children residing in the household must have medical documentation outlined in 110.9(4) "d", 110.9(4) "f", and 110.9(4) "g"

Findings:

A Pre-inspection was completed on 12/20/23 in regard to the home you are seeking registration for. On that date the following items were out of compliance:

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.
Not all outlets were capped.

441 IAC 110.8(1)“d” Approved safety gates at stairways and doors shall be provided and used as needed.
Akouavi did not have a safety gate at her stairs.

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.
Akouavi did have a fire extinguisher, but it was not the approved size.

441 IAC 110.9(1)“a” A physician’s examination report for the provider and all members of the provider’s household aged 18 years or older. Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. All children residing in the household must have medical documentation outlined in 110.9(4) “d”, 110.9(4) “f”, and 110.9(4) “g”
Akouavi did not have the physicals for herself, her adult child in the home or her minor child in the home.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Akouavi needed to cap all her outlets. Akouavi did send pictorial verification of compliance in this area on 1/19/24.

Akouavi did obtain a safety gait and installed it and sent pictorial verification on 1/19/24.

Akouavi did obtain the appropriate size fire extinguisher and sent pictorial verification on 1/2/24.

Tamara from the CMC assisted Akouavi with obtaining the appropriate physical records on the approved HHS forms and pictorial verification was sent to HHS on 1/29/24, 2/5/24 and 2/6/24.

Corrective Action Required:

The Pre-inspection was completed on 12/20/23. Akouavi was missing some of the required items needed at a PI. She did send pictorial verification of those items throughout the month of January 2024 with the final documentation received by this worker on 2/6/24.
Akouavi's PI is approved effective 2/6/24.

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

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

Thank you for your service in providing childcare 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).