



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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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 04/21/2020. 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)“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)“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)“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)“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](http://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)“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(2) Use of Outdoor Space**

441 IAC 110.8(2) “a” A safe outdoor play area shall be maintained in good condition throughout the year. The play area shall be fenced off when located on a busy thoroughfare or near a hazard which may be injurious to a child, and shall have both sunshine and shade areas. The play area shall be kept free from litter, rubbish, and flammable materials and shall be free from contamination by drainage or ponding of sewage, household waste, or storm water.

441 IAC 110.8(2) “b” When there is a swimming or wading pool on the premises:  
1. A wading pool shall be drained daily and shall be inaccessible to children when it is not in use.  
2. An aboveground or in-ground swimming pool that is not fenced shall be covered whenever the pool is not in use. The cover shall meet or exceed the ASTM International (formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials) specification intended to reduce the risk of drowning by inhibiting access to the water by children under five years of age.  
3. An uncovered aboveground swimming pool shall be enclosed with an approved fence that is non-climbable and has a minimum height of four feet.  
4. An uncovered in-ground swimming pool shall be enclosed with a fence that is non-climbable and is at least four feet high and flush with the ground.

**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 110.8(3)“b” A first-aid kit shall be available and easily accessible whenever children are in the child development home, in the outdoor play area, in vehicles used to transport children, and on field trips. The kit shall be sufficient to address first aid related to minor injury or trauma and shall be stored in an area inaccessible to children. The kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.

**441 IAC 110.8(4) Emergency Plans**

441 IAC 110.8(4) “a” Fire and tornado drills shall be practiced monthly and the provider shall keep documentation evidencing compliance with monthly practice on file for the current year and the previous year.

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 over the age of 12 . Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. The examination shall include any necessary testing for communicable diseases; a discussion of recommended vaccinations; completed no

more than six months prior to initial registration; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years. All children residing in the household that are 12 years of age or younger must have medical documentation outlined in 110.9(4) "d", 110.9(4) "f", and 110.9(4) "g"

#### Findings:

LaVaysha needs to extinguish an open flame candle on top of her aquarium which is right next to a container of lighter fluid.

LaVaysha needs to update her emergency contact sheet for her daycare children that is posted on her wall.

LaVaysha needs to place safety caps in 1 outlet in her dining room and 2 outlets in her play room.

LaVaysha needs to remove cord from washer/dryer from her door opening to the kitchen.

LaVaysha needs to replace her battery in her smoke detector located in her dining room.

LaVaysha needs to insure that she is documenting when she is performing her monthly fire and tornado drills with her daycare children and testing her smoke detectors monthly. There was no data from October 2019 until the present time.

This worker smelled what appeared to be burnt marijuana in an upstairs bedroom. This worker confronted LaVaysha on this and she denied that anyone in the house uses illegal drugs. She did state that one household member smokes; however he does this outside of the house. This worker had LaVaysha sign a safety plan stating that there would be no illegal drug usage or smoking occurring in the house.

LaVaysha needs to show documentation of a current physical for one dog.

LaVaysha needs to show documentation of her procedures for isolating a child if one were to become sick while in her care.

LaVaysha needs to remove unused swimming pools from her outdoor play area and store accordingly.

LaVaysha needs to remove canister of gasoline from her front porch and container of lighter fluid.

LaVaysha needs to remove air compressor tank from her entryway and place in a child inaccessible area.

LaVaysha needs to obtain disposable tweezers for her first aid kit.

LaVaysha needs to obtain documentation of a current physical for LaKyla and Greg on the Childcare Provider Physical Examination Report Form.

#### Suggestions for Improvement:

#### Recommendation:

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home either on or after 6/10/20.

[ ] Is the recommendation to terminate a provider agreement or revoke a registration?

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.

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at (319) 208-5521/creckli@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Chad Reckling

**Social Worker II**

Machelle Pezley

**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 563-324-3236

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](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).