09/20/2023

Learning Begins at Home Daycare
2555 Clearwater CT
Iowa City, IA 52246

Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home C conducted on 09/19/2023. 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:

FINDINGS:	**Identify FINDINGS in each area of non-compliance.**
441 IAC 110.6	Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.6(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.
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"
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

441 IAC 110.9(2) An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains:

1. Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under subrule 110.11(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person's involvement with child care
2. A completed 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 approval to assist or be a household member; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.
3. Certification of two hours of approved training related to identification and reporting of child abuse as required by Iowa Code section 232.69 within 3 months of employment.

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:

1. 110.6 The provider was caring for 10 children at the time of the compliance visit. The provider is registered as a C1 home, so she is limited to caring for not more than 8 children at any one time.

2. 110.9(1) Provider File:
-a The provider was unable to locate a current (within 3 years) physical for herself in her provider file, at the time of the compliance visit.
-b(1) The provider was unable to locate her mandatory reporter certificate during the compliance visit.

3. 110.9(2) Assistant File:
-b The provider did not have a physical for her assistant.
-c The provider did not have mandatory reporter certificate for her assistant.

4. 110.9(4) Children's Files:
-b The provider does not have an Emergency Medical Authorization for all children.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

1. The provider agrees that she will not care for more than 8 children at any one time, including her own child, who is under school age.

2. The provider will get an updated physical for herself.

3. The provider will either locate her mandatory reporter certificate or update her mandatory reporter certificate.

4. The provider will get a current physical for her assistant.

5. The provider will have her assistant complete mandatory reporter training and keep certificate on file.

6. The provider will have all daycare parents sign and Emergency Medical Consent and keep in all children's files.

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time, corrections need to be made by 10/3/2023 and will be reviewed at the next annual compliance check.

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

Lorri can be reached at: 319-321-2725.

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 319-800-4702 or hbailey@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Holly Bailey

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).