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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the pre-inspection visit at your Registered Child Development Home A conducted on 07/06/2020. 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)“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 110.8(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(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(4) **Emergency Plans**

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

Findings:

Per our 7/6/2020 spot check visit, the following corrections need to be made before you can be approved as a Category A child care provider:

1. You need to install some kind of safety barrier along the concrete steps leading to your front door. There is currently a 5 foot drop-off onto a concrete ledge from the top of these steps.
2. You need to upgrade your fire extinguisher to a size 2A 10BC.
3. You need to post a no-smoking sign next to your front and back entrance that includes the Iowa smoke free web site and phone number. I encourage you to contact Heather Sheesley with Child Care Resource and Referral for copies of these signs.
Heather can be reached at: (515) 246-3565
4. You need to repair the safety nets on your trampoline or take the trampoline down. There is currently a 2 foot gap along the base of the netting.
5. You need to complete the Emergency Preparedness Plan that you have started. I encourage you to work with Heather Sheesley from CCR&R on this plan.

Suggestions for Improvement:

Recommendation:

The above corrections need to be completed before you can be approved as a registered child care provider. You will need to contact me by email or phone to schedule a re-check visit once your corrections are in place.

You need to contact me to schedule this re-check by 8/17/2020 or your application could be denied.

[] 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 (515) 291-0008 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Earl Crow

Social Worker II

Ashley McLaughlin

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).