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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the follow up at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 09/22/2020. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. Your home is rated a 2 on 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)“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)“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)“o” The provider shall document all injuries that require first aid or medical care using an injury report form. The form shall be completed on the date of occurrence, shared with the parent, and

maintained in the child's file

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(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(5) **Safe Sleep**

441 IAC 110.8(5) "a" The provider shall follow safe sleep practices as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics for infants under the age of one.

- a. Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.
- b. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.
- c. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child shall be allowed to sleep in an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat, or items not designed for sleeping.
- d. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.
- e. No co-sleeping shall be allowed.
- f. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.
- g. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

Findings:

On 9/24/20 Chad Reckling, SW II conducted a follow up visit to the childcare home. The following was observed:

Danielle needs to place safety caps in one electrical outlet in her kitchen. This was observed to be completed.

Danielle needs to show that she has blank copies of the Injury Report Form should the need arise. This worker will email Danielle a copy of this form. This was observed to be completed.

Danielle needs to remove hand tools and clothesline from front yard play area; remove chicken wire and barrel from plastic slide exit in front yard; remove gas and mower from side yard; remove recycables from front yard porch; and clean and filter above ground pool water prior to any daycare children use. This was observed to be completed.

Danielle needs to secure child lock on her bathroom sink cabinet. This was observed to be completed.

Danielle needs to insure that she does not use any infant sleep positioners either under the crib mattress or on top of it unless the infant is accompanied by a physician's note that states that they cannot sleep flat on their back. This was observed to be completed.

Items of non-compliance still present after today's visit:

Danielle needs to replace the battery in her kitchen smoke detector.

Danielle needs to show documentation of a current physical for one dog-Precious on the Pet Health Examination Form.

Danielle needs to insure that her pig and chickens are penned up in the back portion of the fenced in area and not in the outdoor play area; fill in holes in yard made by dog in front yard play area.

This worker observed 4 children under 18 months of age present during the visit for approximately 10 minutes. The department will have Danielle sign a safety plan stating that she will remain within her legally allowed ratio and numbers of children at any given time.

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 10/8/20.

[] 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

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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 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

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).