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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home C conducted on 10/17/2023. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. Your home is rated a 1 on 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)“ 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 110.15	**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME CATEGORY "C"**
441 IAC 110.15(1)“ a”	No more than 14 children not attending kindergarten or a higher grade level shall be present at any one time

Findings:

Per our 10/17/2023 spot check visit, the following corrections need to be made:

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

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Suggestions/Recommendations:

1. Lisa needs to install a battery operated smoke detector in her nap room.

2. Lisa had 16 under school age children in care at the time of my visit. (Over by 2) Category C-2 operations with both providers present are allowed 16 total children, though 2 of the 16 must be school age. Lisa plans to pursue an exception to policy for the additional 2 under school age children through next August. Without an exception to policy, they must stay at no more than 14 under school age children.

Corrective Action Required:

Number limits must be followed immediately, and at all times unless an exception to policy is approved for the operation.

No re-check is required at Lisa's operation at this time. The smoke detector needs to be in place by 12/29/2023 and will be reviewed during her next visit.

I encourage Lisa to work with Jenny Engelhardt from Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.
Jenny can be reached at: (319) 239-1072

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

Sincerely,

Earl Crow

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).