06/13/2023

Amanda Yerkes
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Marion, IA 52302

Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 06/13/2023. 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:

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 110.8(3)	**Medications and Hazardous Materials**
441 IAC 110.8(3) “d”	The provider shall establish procedures related to infectious disease control and handling of any bodily excrement or discharge, or blood. Soiled diapers shall be stored in containers separate from other waste.

Findings:

This worker arrived at the home on 6/13/23 around 10:05am to find84 child care children present. Amanda was in compliance with her numbers and age ranges for category B.

A complete tour of the home was done and the following was noted:
- Amanda did not have a separate storage container, separate from other waste, for infectious disease or bodily fluids including blood.

The outdoor area was observed with no hazards noted. She has an outdoor space for the children with many toys and sun and shade.

A full review of records for the provider noted the following:
- Amanda did not have documentation of monthly testing of smoke detectors.

This worker reviewed several of the children's files and Amanda had all the necessary documentation. Her files were organized and this worker was able to look for the needed documentation while Amanda provided care for the children.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

- Amanda will need to obtain a separate storage container, separate from other waste, for infectious disease or bodily fluids including blood.
- Amanda needs to test her smoke detectors monthly and document accordingly.

You may contact your local CCR&R for further assistance if needed.

Corrective Action Required:

Amanda agreed to send pictorial documentation of the missing items noted above. Please email pictorial documentation of compliance to me at cweber@dhs.state.ia.us or text me at 319-429-0749. Please send all necessary compliance documentation within 2 weeks of the receipt of this letter.

Thank you for the service you provide to the children in your community.

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 319-429-0749 or cweber@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christine Weber

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).