

07/24/2023

JoAnn Gray
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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the pre-inspection visit at your residence in which you are seeking child development home registration conducted on 07/24/2023. 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)“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)“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(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)

Emergency Plans: plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.

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:

441 IAC 110.8(1)b. All accessible electrical outlets are safely capped or are tamper-resistant electrical outlets.

441 IAC 110.8(1)n. All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites. Form 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate is on file.

441 IAC 110.8(2)a. A safe outdoor play area is maintained in good condition throughout the year.

441 IAC 110.8(4)a. Emergency and disaster plans for fire and tornado are written and posted by primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes in case of fire, a safe place indoors in case of tornado, and flood shelter areas.

441 IAC 110.8(4)b. Emergency Preparedness Plan is written contains required 7 areas.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Joann needs to cap or cover the outlet for the air conditioner that they do not use.

Joann needs for 470-5153 completed for each of her two dog and two cats.

Joann needs to put net up on the trampoline in her play area and move the child sized picnic table away from the trampoline.

Joann needs to post emergency/disaster plan for fire and tornado by both primary and secondary exits.

Joann wrote her emergency preparedness plan while this worker was present and placed it in her binder.



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Corrective Action Required:

A follow up visit will not be required, however Joann needs to send the above items to this worker by 9/15/2023. Items can be texted to 563-949-6971 or emailed to khuinke@dhs.state.ia.us. Joann's pre inspection will not be approved until these items have been received.

I encourage you to work with Alicia Wagner of Child Care Resource and Referral with any ongoing compliance or training needs.

Alicia Wagner

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If you are interested in getting your daughter approved as an assistant within your child development home, please contact the CCA Unit at 866-448-4605 for assistance in doing so.

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 563-949-6971 or khuinke@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Huinker

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).