

02/20/2024

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 02/19/2024. 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)“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(3)

Medications and Hazardous Materials

441 IAC 110.8(3)“a”

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441 IAC 110.14

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME CATEGORY "B"

441 IAC 110.14(1) “a”

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Findings:

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Suggestions/Recommendations:

A recheck is not needed at this time. The below corrections need to be completed by 4/20/2024 unless otherwise noted and will be reviewed on your next annual compliance check.

Corrective Action Required:

1. Each pet in the home needs to have a current DHHS Pet Physical Form completed by a vet each year.
2. Cleaning supplies need to be moved up out of reach of the children or child locks need to be installed.
3. When this worker arrived unannounced for your yearly compliance check 13 preschool children were present. The provider's ratio for preschool children is up to 8 preschool children at the same time, 4 additional school age children can be present adding up to 12 total children if you have an approved assistant present. You were able to rectify the situation quickly as you stated you were doing a favor for another provider who was able to take the children within 10 minutes. In the future please follow the ratio rules for a "B" Category Child Development Home. This needs to begin immediately.

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 jaringd@dhs.state.ia.us/515-601-9469 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Social Worker II

Sheila Aunspach

Social Work Supervisor



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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).