

05/22/2025

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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 05/22/2025. 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)“ a” The home shall have a nonpay, working land-line or mobile telephone with emergency numbers posted for police, fire, ambulance, and the poison information center. The number for each child’s parent, for a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and for the child’s physician shall be written on paper and readily accessible by the telephone. The home must prominently display all emergency information, and all travel vehicles must have a paper copy of emergency parent contact information
- 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)“ c” Combustible materials shall be kept a minimum of three feet away from furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and gas dryers
- 441 IAC 110.8(1)“ d” Approved safety gates at stairways and doors shall be provided and used as needed.
- 441 IAC 110.8(1)“ f” A safety barrier shall surround any heating stove or heating element, in order to prevent burns.
- 441 IAC 110.8(1)“ g” The home shall have at least one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher located in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
- 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)“ i” Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited at all times in the home and in every vehicle in which children receiving care in the home are transported.

Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the outdoor play area during the home's hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance of the child care home and in every vehicle used to transport children.

All signs shall include:

1. The telephone number for reporting complaints, and
2. The Internet address of the department of public health (www.iowasmokefreeair.gov)

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”

All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child

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.

441 IAC 110.8(4)

Emergency Plans

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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

441 IAC 110.9

Files

441 IAC 110.9(1)

A provider file is maintained and shall contain the following:

441 IAC 110.9(1)“ a” A physician’s examination report for the provider and all members of the provider’s household aged 18 years or older. Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. All children residing in the household must have medical documentation outlined in 110.9(4) “d”, 110.9(4) “f”, and 110.9(4) “g”

Findings:

441 IAC 110.8(1)a. Working telephone. Emergency numbers.
441 IAC 110.8(1)b. Electrical outlets.
441 IAC 110.8(1)c. Combustibles.
441 IAC 110.8(1)d. Safety barriers.
441 IAC 110.8(1)f. Safety barrier surrounds any heating stove or heating element.
441 IAC 110.8(1)g. Fire extinguishers.
441 IAC 110.8(1)h. Smoke detectors.
441 IAC 110.8(1)i. Nonsmoking signs.
441 IAC 110.8(1)n. Pet records: 3 dogs.
441 IAC 110.8(3)a. Medications and hazardous material.
441 IAC 110.8(3)d. Diaper storage.
441 IAC 110.8(4)a. Emergency and disaster plans.
441 IAC 110.8(4)b. Emergency Preparedness Plan.
441 IAC 110.9(1)a. Household physicals: Danita, Karaeja, Majesty and Reign.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

I encourage you to work with Child Care Resource and Referral for ongoing child care needs.

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Corrective Action Required:

Danita's telephone is currently disconnected. Danita reports she will be paying the bill and getting it reconnected today. Danita needs to cap electrical outlets in all areas children will be present.

If Danita plans on using the basement for child care, Danita needs to put a barrier(s) up to the furnace and water heater area. Even if it is only used for drills, a barrier needs to be in place to keep children away from it and safe at all times. Danita has two fire extinguishers - one for main level and one for basement, however, they are not put away yet on each level of the home.

Danita needs to install smoke detectors in all child occupied rooms and at the top of all stairwells. Danita does not have detectors yet and states they are being sent to her from CCRR.

Danita needs nonsmoking signs placed on all exits of her home. Danita can order signage from www.iowasmokefreeair.gov.

Danita currently has three dogs. She hopes to rehome two of them. They all need pet records documented on required HHS forms until they are actually rehomed.

Danita had numerous items on and under her bathroom sink. These items need to be removed and/or placed in an inaccessible location to children. Danita has child locks for cabinets, however, they are not yet installed.

Danita needs a separate covered storage for diapers.

Danita needs to post emergency plans (maps) by both primary and secondary exits of the home.

Danita needs to complete her Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Danita needs physicals for herself and Karaeja documented on required HHS form. Danita needs physicals and immunization records (on State of Iowa Public Health certificate) for Majesty and Reign.

Danita needs to have all of these items completed by 6/9/2025. Danita needs to contact this worker prior to 6/9/25 to arrange a follow up visit to check the above items.

Addendums:

- Addendum 1: A follow up visit was completed on 6/18/2025 to determine if Danita's pre inspection could be approved. Danita had all remaining compliance items completed. Danita had moved a piece of furniture in front of a mounted television which now had a cord hanging loosely from the wall. Danita taped the cord to the wall to address this hazard until she can either move a piece of furniture back or get a cord cover for this item. Danita only has two dogs now as one has been rehomed. Pet records are in place for both dogs (Minnie and Pho) at this time. We discussed needing written policies prior to next year's annual visit as well as monthly drill records and files for all enrolled children. Danita's pre inspection will be approved with an effective date of 6/18/2025.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 6/25/2025 4:00:33 PM

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 kathy.huinker@hhs.iowa.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Huinker

Social Worker II

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Social Work Supervisor

Always Remember:



Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

Kim Reynolds
Governor

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Lt. Governor

Kelly K. Garcia
Director

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).