



Iowa Department of Human Services

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Date: 9/4/15

Kirsten Benton and Emily Benton
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Dear Kirsten and Emily,

This letter is in regards to the 9/3/15 compliance check of your Category C-2, Registered Child Development Home. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

441 IAC 110.5(1)“n” 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. (You need to repair or replace the smoke detector in the bedroom hallway.)

441 IAC 110.5(1)“q” 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). (You need to obtain a current vet statement for your dog to be kept on file. These need to be renewed every year.)

441 IAC 110.5(2) A provider file is maintained and contains:

441 IAC 110.5(2)“a” A physician’s examination report for the provider and all members of the household . Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. The examination shall include any necessary testing for communicable diseases; a discussion of recommended vaccinations; completed no more than six months prior to initial registration; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years. (You need to obtain a current physician signed statement of health for yourself and Emily to be kept on file. These need to be renewed every three years.)

441 IAC 110.5(8) Children’s Files. An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:

441 IAC 110.5(8) "e". A statement of health condition signed by a physician or designee submitted annually from the date of the admission physical. For a child who is five years of age or older and enrolled in school, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian may be substituted for the physician statement. (You need to obtain current physician signed statements of health for the children's files.)

441 IAC 110.5(8) "i". Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home. (You need to obtain current permission notes from parents for kids to attend activities away from the home to be kept on file.)

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory 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 on or before: 10/23/15.**

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, a recheck or follow up visit to your home is not necessary. However, it is essential you provide documentation to the Department that certifies you have corrected each of the identified regulatory violations and are now in complete compliance with all Departmental regulatory mandates. **Please check mark each of the boxes listed above when the necessary corrections have been completed.** By doing so, you certify that you have completed all of the mandated regulatory requirements contained within each identified section.

I certify that I have taken all of the steps necessary to correct each of the identified violations noted above and am now in complete compliance with all of the Departmental mandated regulatory rules.

Please sign and date below, and return this form in the provided envelope by: 10/23/15.

X _____
Signature Date

Please call me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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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 1-800-722-7619.

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. You can access the approved training by going to [http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/CC Professional Development.pdf](http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/CC_Professional_Development.pdf) and you can sign up for 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).