



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Linda and Khara,

This letter is in regards to the 10/8/15 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)“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. (You need to post emergency phone numbers including non-emergency police and poison control.)
- 441 IAC 110.5(1)“j” Emergency 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. (You need to post your emergency/disaster plan next to your front and back door. This plan should include a map of your home and clearly mark your fire/tornado exits and locations.)
- 441 IAC 110.5(1)“k” Fire and tornado drills shall be practiced monthly and the provider shall keep documentation evidencing compliance with monthly practice on file. (You need to start using the Emergency Drill Record sheet you have to record your monthly fire and tornado drills.)
- 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 install a battery operated smoke detector in your main basement play area and one on the main floor in your nap room.)
- 441 IAC 110.5(1)“o” 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](http://www.iowasmokefreeair.gov)) (You need to post the no-smoking sign I shared with you next to your main exit.)

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 check on each of your three dogs to be kept on file. If it has been more than a year since their last visit, a new appointment must be scheduled.)

**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 current copies of physician signed health statements to be kept on file. The new form I shared with you for these needs to be renewed every three years.)

441 IAC 110.5(2)“b” (1) Certificates or training verification and record check documentation.

Within the first three months of registration:

Two hours of approved child abuse and neglect mandatory reporter training (and every 5 years thereafter.)

Certification by an approved trainer/organization in infant and child first-aid that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The provider shall maintain a valid certificate indicating the date of first-aid training and the expiration date. (You need to find/obtain current certification for both of you in the mandatory child abuse training, CPR and First Aid.)

**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: (Several of your children’s files need significant work. Each file should include identifying information on the child and parent, signed emergency medical treatment authorization form, current physician signed statement of health, current immunization form, list of who can pick up the children, and a permission slip to attend activities away from the home.)

441 IAC 110.5(8) “a”. Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child’s name, birth date, parent’s name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child, and the parent’s work

address and telephone number.

441 IAC 110.5 (8) "b". Emergency information including, at a minimum, where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone number of the child's regular source of health care, and the name, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.

441 IAC 110.5(8) "c". A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

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.

441 IAC 110.5(8) "h". For each school-age child, on the first day of attendance, documentation of a physical examination that was completed at the time of school enrollment or since.

441 IAC 110.5(8) "g". A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health. For the school-age child, a copy of the most recent immunization record shall be acceptable.

441 IAC 110.5(8) "f". A list signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child. The authorization shall include the name, telephone number, and relationship of the authorized person to the child.

441 IAC 110.5(8) "i". Written permission from the parent for the child to attend activities away from the child development home.

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: 12/1/15.**

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home. This visit will occur on or after: 12/1/15.

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%20Professional%20Development.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).