

# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the 10-2-2015 compliance check of your Level B, 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 110.4 Limit. Except as provided in subrule 110.4(3), no greater number of children shall be received for care at any one time than the number authorized on the registration certificate.

**FINDINGS:** *Identify FINDINGS in each area of non-compliance.*

441 IAC 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

441 IAC 110.5(1)"a" All travel vehicles must have a paper copy of emergency parent contact information. (WILL GET A LIST OF NAMES OF NUMBERS AND A NO SMOKING SIGN)

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. (SMOKES IN VAN WHEN KIDS ARE NOT IN IT. SAYS SHE WILL STOP) (SMELLS SMOKEY UPSTAIRS. EMPTY ASHTRAY BY AMY'S BED. SHE STATES SHE DOESN'T SMOKE AND THAT IT IS STILL FROM HER UNCLE)

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))

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. (NEEDS)

- 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.)

- 441 IAC110.5(2)“c” An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains: (SAM)

(3) Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within 6 months of employment and repeated every 5 years.

- 441 IAC 110.5(2)“d” An individual file is maintained for each substitute and contains: (SAM)

(3) Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within 6 months of employment and repeated every 5 years.

(4) Certification in infant and child first aid that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If they are unable to locate first aid training that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, they must complete both a first aid course and CPR.

- 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: (NEED FILES ON NEW KIDS)

- 441 IAC 110.5(8) “d”. An admission physical examination report signed by a licensed physician or designee in a clinic supervised by a licensed physician (ADEN, KARLEE, JONAH, NASHUA, CALLIE) (ALEX, EMILY, CARLEE)

(1) The date of the physical examination shall not be more than 12 months before the child’s first day of attendance at the child development home.

(2) The written report shall include past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary.

(3) 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 physical examination report.

(4) The examination report or statement of health status shall be on file before the child’s first day of care

- 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. (ADEN, EMILY, ALEX, KARLEE, JONAH, NASHUA, CARLEE, CALLIE)

- 441 IAC 110.9(3)“c” The home shall have a minimum of two direct exits to the outside from the main floor.

(1) If the second level or the basement of the home is used for the provision of child care, other than the use of a restroom, each additional child-occupied floor shall have at least one direct exit to the outside in addition to one inside stairway. **(WILL ADD OUTSIDE STAIRS)**

(2) All exits shall terminate at grade level with permanent steps.

- (3) A basement window may be used as an exit if the window can be opened from the inside without the use of tools and it provides a clear opening of not less than 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height, and 5.7 square feet in area. The bottom of the opening shall be not more than 44 inches above the floor, with permanent steps inside leading up to the window
- (4) Occupancy above the second floor shall not be permitted for child care.

**Suggestions for Improvement:**

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.

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home.

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.

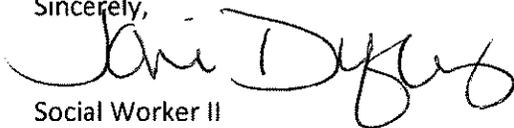
I certify that I have taken all of the steps necessary to correct each of the identified violations noted above and am now in complete compliance with all of the Departmental mandated regulatory rules.

Please sign and date below, and return this form in the provided envelope by: **November 16, 2015**

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Signature Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 515-573-1640 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

  
Social Worker II

  
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 Jami Huster with Child Care Resource and Referral at 515-573-0029.

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://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child\\_Care/Professional\\_Development.html](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html) 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).