



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the 1-22-2015 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:

110.5(1)h A safe outdoor play area is maintained in good condition throughout the year. (pool with fencing that a child could put their foot in and climb) I will include a picture of some weaving material that is approved to bring your fence into compliance.

110.5(1)o Nonsmoking signs posted at every entrance of the home and in every vehicle used to transport children. Signs include telephone # for reporting complaints, and [www.iowasmokefreeair.gov](http://www.iowasmokefreeair.gov). (back door)

110.5(1)r Fence for aboveground pool is four feet above sidewalls of pool. Height of pool walls not included in measurement. Fence was hit by a tree last fall and is lower than 4' in one area that is about 1 foot in width. Wendi states this is on the agenda to get fixed this spring.

110.5(2)c An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains: (Registration Unit has no record of any current approved Assistants. Contact the Registration unit at 1-866-448-4605 to complete a change application to add Hannah Frerichs, Meghann Zweifel and Claire (provider was unsure of last name) as your assistants) You will not be able to use any of these assistants until they are approved. You should cease using these assistants and reduce numbers of kids so you are in compliance, until you obtain proper approval:

110.5(2)c A completed DHS Criminal History Record Check, form B, 595-1396-assistant

110.5(2)c A completed Request for Child Abuse Information, form 470-0643-assistant

110.5(2)c A physician's signed statement of health and immunization status at the time of employment and at least every two years thereafter.-assistant

110.5(2)c 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.-assistant.

110.5(8) Children's Files:

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

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. (Ridge, Leighton)

110.5(8)b Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone of the child's regular doctor, and the name number, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency. (Ridge, Leighton)

110.5(8)c A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment. (Ridge, Leighton, Audrey)

110.5(8)d For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance. (Ridge, Leighton, Audrey, Jacob, Lydia, Kieden, Taytyn, Kyden, Becca, Traesyn, Hadlee, Gracelinn, Paisley)

110.5(8)d For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian. (Blake, Evie, Gabriel, Penelope, Taylor, Linken, Pixie, Logon, Greydon, Gabi)

110.5(8)e For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.

110.5(8)e For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of admission physical.

110.5(8)f A list signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child. (Ridge, Leighton)

110.5(8)g A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health. (Jacob, Kieden, Taytyn, Leighton)

110.5(8)h For each school-age child, record of a physical exam completed at the time of school enrollment or since.

110.5(8)i Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home. It must include times of arrival and departure, destination, and person(s) responsible for the child. (Ridge, Leighton)

110.10(3) Facility requirements:

110.9(3)c If the second story or basement are used for childcare, other than the use of a restroom, there is, in addition to one inside stairway, at least one direct exit to the outside. If a basement window is used as an exit, the window is openable from the inside without the use of tools. (Had 1 ½ year old nap upstairs, there is no secondary stairwell-so provider signed a safety plan to stop using the upstairs immediately. Provider can longer use basement for naps and play- until egress window with steps and hand rail is installed and approved.)

110.9(3)c The window provides a clear opening of not less than 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height, and 5.7 square feet in area.

110.9(3)c The bottom of the window opening is not more than 44 inches above the floor with permanent steps inside leading up to the window.

110.9(3)c If basement window is used as an exit, the window is openable from the inside without the use of tools.



Approved fencing slats to bring fencing into compliance.

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 within the next 45 days.**

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 after the 45 day time period has elapsed.

**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: 3-17-2015**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Jody Lehman with Child Care Resource and Referral at 1-573-0147.

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).