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Dear Natalie,

This letter is in regards to the 9/24/15 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:

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)“c” A first-aid kit shall be available and easily accessible whenever children are in the child development home, in the outdoor play area, in vehicles used to transport children, and on field trips. The kit shall be sufficient to address first aid related to minor injury or trauma and shall be stored in an area inaccessible to children. The kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, antiseptic cleaning materials, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.

Natalie will place disposable tweezers in her home first aid kit.

441 IAC 110.5(1)“e” 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

Natalie will place a safety cap in her upstairs bathroom outlet.

441 IAC 110.5(1)“h” A safe outdoor play area shall be maintained in good condition throughout the year. The play area shall be fenced off when located on a busy thoroughfare or near a hazard which may be injurious to a child, and shall have both sunshine and shade areas. The play area shall be kept free from litter, rubbish, and flammable materials and shall be free from contamination by drainage or ponding of sewage, household waste, or storm water.

Natalie will anchor her swingset and remove extra swing that is not being used on the ground.

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

Natalie will update her drill sheet.

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

Natalie will place a detector in her upstairs bedroom where daycare children take naps and will update her monthly check sheet.

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).

(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

Natalie will show documentation of a current physical for Rover on approved form.

441 IAC 110.5(1)"u" The provider shall have written policies regarding the care of mildly ill children and exclusion of children due to illness and shall inform parents of these policies.

Natalie will show documentation of her procedures in caring for daycare children that become sick while in her care prior to those children's parents coming to pick them up from the home.

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.

Natalie needs to provide documentation of physicals for Reganne and Reed on approved form.

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

(1) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under subrule 110.7(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person's involvement with child care

(2) A completed 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 approval to assist or be a household member; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.

Natalie needs to provide documentation of current physicals for Rebecka and Sarah on approved form.

(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:

(1) Documentation from the department confirming the record checks required under 441 IAC 110.7(3) have been completed and authorizing or conditionally limiting the person’s involvement with child care.

(2) A completed 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 approval to assist or be a household member; completed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner; and repeated at least every three years.

Natalie needs to provide documentation of current physicals for Rebecka and Sarah on approved form.

(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.

Natalie needs to show documentation of current course completion for Sarah.

441 IAC 110.5(3) Activity Program. There is an activity program and it promotes self-esteem and exploration.

a. Activity program includes active play.

b. Activity program includes quiet play.

c. Activity program includes activities for large muscle development, such as running, climbing and riding toys.

d. Activity program includes activities for small muscle development, such as coloring, puzzles, finger plays and play dough.

e. Play equipment and materials in a safe condition, for both indoor and outdoor activities which are developmentally appropriate for the ages and number of children present.

Please refer to 110.5(1)h.

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.

Need updated physical for S.S., V.M., C.C.

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.

Need information for A.K.

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.

Need on state form for P.M. Need update for C.C.

Suggestions for Improvement:

It is recommended that children under the age of 5 not be allowed on the trampoline that is present in the outdoor play area.

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 by 11/10/15.**

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home on or after **11/10/15**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 319-208-5521 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Chad Reckling
Social Worker II

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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 Child Care Resource and Referral at 1-866-324-3236.

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 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).