Iowa Department of Human Services

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Blanca Brenes
1360 21st Street
Des Moines, IA 50311

Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the May 1, 2015 compliance check of your Level A, 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.

There is a lose ladder on your play set, please make sure you secure this so it is not dangerous for the children to play on. You will also need to move the battery that is in the yard.

☐110.5(1)n Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway.

One of your main area smoke detectors is chirping which indicates a low battery. Please replace the battery and check it every month to make sure it is working. If the beeping continues you may have to replace the entire device.

☐110.5(1)n Each smoke detector has been installed according to manufacturer's recommendations.

☐110.5(1)n Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.

☐110.5(1)p Children under the age of one year are placed on their backs for sleeping unless otherwise authorized in writing by a physician.

During the spot check, there was an infant sleeping in a bouncer. Please be sure to obtain a crib or pack and play so you have a safer sleeping arrangement for the child. You indicated you are working on getting a grant to purchase a crib soon.

☐110.5(1)u The provider has written policies about caring for mildly ill children and the exclusion of children due to illness, and informs parents of policies.

Please check with Maria Gonzalez at Child Care Resource and Referral if you need assistance. 515-246-3560.

☐110.5(1)v The provider has written policies about responding to health-related emergencies.

Please check with Maria Gonzalez at Child Care Resource and Referral if you need assistance. 515-246-3560.

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.

x☐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: July 10, 2015.

X_____ _____
Signature Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 515-993-1742 or mcrawfo@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Crawford
Melissa Crawford
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 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://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).