# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the October 14, 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:

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

☐ 441 IAC 110.5(1)"b" All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child

***You do have appropriate safety locks on your kitchen cabinets, however, double check to make sure they are properly working as I was able to open the left side of the lower cabinet below the sink easily but not the right side.***

☐ 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.**

***Please be sure to check your current kit and update any necessary items.***

☐ 441 IAC 110.5(1)"f" Combustible materials shall be kept a minimum of three feet away from furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and gas dryers

***You just moved and are in the process of organizing and unpacking. There are a few stray items surrounding your furnace/water heater area that should be relocated.***

☐ 441 IAC 110.5(1)"m" The home shall have at least one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher located in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.

***The pressure on your downstairs extinguisher is low and the device should be refilled or replaced. Go ahead and periodically check the gages on the devices to ensure the yellow arrow is always in the green section. If the arrow is in the red areas it means the extinguisher is no longer working.***

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. This visit will occur on/or after___

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: December 3, 2015.**

X_____ _____
Signature Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 515-993-1742 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

*Melissa Crawford*
Social Worker II

*C. Mark Chappelle*
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 515-246-3560 or 1-800722-7619.

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).