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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 1/31/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM

**Departure:** 11:00 AM

**FR-52580**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
01/31/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/04/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/04/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	7	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	1	2
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	4	12	0	2	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	4				
Children Present: 4		Total Children: 16			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3			

**Comments**

A licensing visit was conducted today. All background checks were reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).





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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

**290-2-3-.09 Activities**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.09(3) requires that outdoor activities be provided daily, weather permitting. It was determined based on provider's statement that the children are not being provided with daily outdoor activities as required when weather permits.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will follow a schedule that allows for all children to have daily outside play. The consultant provided a copy of the weather watch chart for the provider's future reference so they are aware of when the children may go outside and when it is best to keep them inside.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

**290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.12(5) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint and kept clean. It was determined based on observation that a chalk board with pieces of chalk that were larger than 1/2 an inch in size that presents a choking hazard to the children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will repair or replace any identified hazardous or unclean equipment and will monitor all indoor and outdoor equipment to ensure it is free from hazards and kept clean. The provider will remove the chalk pieces from the chalk board while the children are not using the chalk board.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

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**290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.19(4) requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that cots were not covered to prevent children's access. Additionally, blankets and bedding for cots were touching and not stored in individual containers.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that the storage of mats and/or cots meets requirements. The provider will store blankets in individual cubbies or bags and cover the cots or move them to location that is inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

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**290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)****Met****Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

<b>Children's Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 4****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met

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**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

<b>Facility</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on observation that for the months of August, September, October, November, and December of 2021 were not documented as required. Additionally, a new fire drill sheet had not been posted for the 2022 calendar year to indicate documentation of a fire drill for January 2022.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 3/3/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(d) requires that hanging cords be inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that a camera cord was hanging over the diaper changing area and accessible to children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that hanging cords are inaccessible and that the cord over the diaper changing area is removed.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

**Comment**

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on observation that a coffee drink, two opened bottles of water, a tube of gum gel, a plastic bag and two diaper creams were accessible to children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1)(e) prohibits the use of multiple plugs and electric extension cords. Electrical outlets within reach of children shall be plugged or covered. It was determined based observation that an extension cord had an uncovered plug, was plugged into an outlet, and accessible to children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will not use multiple plugs and electric extension cords and will check regularly to ensure electrical outlets are plugged or covered.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on observation that the following items posed a hazard and were accessible to children in care.

- Eight bolts on the fence corners were longer than a two thread lengths.
- A beige and and brown playhouse had a hole with sharp edges to the left of the red door.
- Two medal rods were in a cardboard box that was disintegrating at the back of the playground by the fence.
- Broken pieces of a tricycle with exposed edges were scattered about the playground.
- Dog feces were on the ground along the path to the playground and around the playground fence.
- Empty dog food cans and a bowl of dog food were on the ground along the path to the playground.
- A screwdriver, a hammer, and a shovel were on the ground along the path to the playground.
- An electric insect killer/bug zapper was along the path to the playground.
- An exposed and uncovered outlet along the path to the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 2/11/2022**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Food Service**

**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.10(4) requires that all baby bottles be clearly labeled with the individual child's name. Formula or breast milk shall be supplied by the Parent daily in bottles. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. Bottles shall be refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. If formula must be provided by the Home, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that a bottle that had been fed to a child in care was not labeled.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure that requirement for bottles being labeled is followed and will ensure that feeding procedures are met.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

**Health and Hygiene**

**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(i) requires that personnel shall wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately before and after each diaper change; immediately upon the first Child's arrival in the Home for care and upon re-entering the Home after outside play; before and after dispensing oral medications and applying topical medications, ointments, creams or lotions, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding or assisting children with eating and drinking; after toileting or helping children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the employee did not wash their hands after serving and assisting children with eating.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure proper hygiene, all Staff shall wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) requires children's hands to be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that children's hands were not washed after eating breakfast. Additionally, it was discussed with the provider that handwashing should not be done at the kitchen sink used for food preparation.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure proper hygiene, all children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined based on observation that the changing pad on the changing table was quilted and therefore porous and unable to be properly disinfected.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the control of disease transmission, the Home Provider will change diapers in the child's crib or a nonporous surface. The diapering surface will be smooth and cleaned and disinfected between use with a single use disposable towel.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

**Recited on 1/31/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(g) requires that soiled diapers and linens be disposed of in a closed container. It was determined based on observation that next to the changing table was a small trash can overflowing with dirty diapers and not in a closed container as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure sanitary storage, the Home Provider will use a covered diaper pail for soiled diapers. The Home Provider will ensure that soiled diapers and linens are disposed of in a closed container.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

**Licensure**

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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Animals**

**Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**

**Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/6/2021****Corrected on 1/31/2022**

.21(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected. All employees and residents had evidence of a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2021****Corrected on 1/31/2022**

.21(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected. All employees and residents had evidence of a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined based on review of records that the CPR and first aid training was an on line course and did not have the in person skills assessment as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will obtain the required CPR and first aid training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested. The Home will ensure that there is always a Staff person on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present.

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022**

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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**290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.



