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**Cover Sheet**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
01/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/29/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/11/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing

**Compliance Zone Designation** - 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.

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Ratios/License Capacity**

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

Children Present: 3	Total Children: 3
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to complete a licensing study visit. During the on-site visit, the provider was informed that all required administrative review documents must be uploaded via DECAL KOALA by Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/19/2022

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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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed monitoring toys and equipment for normal wear and tear.

**290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Comment**

There is no pool on the property

<b>Children's Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 3**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(08)(1), Mom Home # Missing -(08)(1), Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1), Immunization Form - (08)(2)

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on review of records that child #1 did not have documentation of the parent's name, personal contact number, work contact number, and work address.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

**Correction Deadline: 1/19/2022****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on review of records that child #1 did not have evidence of a current immunization certificate on file. Child #1 previous immunization certificate expired on August 16, 2021.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

**Correction Deadline: 1/19/2022**

<b>Facility</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation the following hazardous items were observed throughout the residence: a bottle of "Oxygen Orange" and a bucket of disinfectant wipes were stored in unlocked third right cabinet, disinfectant spray was sitting on a black shelf located on the back left side of the kitchen, a bottle of hand sanitizer was sitting on the children's table located at the front entrance of the child care area, and a crafting knife was stored in a black and clear rolling cart located on the front right entrance of the kitchen area. All hazardous items were observed to contain the label "Keep Out Of Reach Of Children."

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

**Correction Deadline: 1/19/2022****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.

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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on observation that the sink cabinet was not secured to the wall in the restroom located on the front right side of the kitchen area.

**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: 1/19/2022**

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**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 hazards were present on the playground area: broken branches and sticks were observed throughout the grounds, a small white wheel barrow was observed hanging on the fence located on the front right side and two green poles stored on the ground next to a metal cart containing two packs of gardening soil, an unwrapped garden hose was stored on the front left side, a barrel containing rust and a trash can turned upside down was stored on the front left side, exposed tree roots and three rotten tree stumps were observed across of the black and white shed located on the middle left side, and a set of stairs leading to the upstairs deck area was not blocked with a gate and accessible to the children present for care.

**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: 1/29/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that the fence surrounding the playground area contained several gaps measuring between three and a half inches to 12 inches in length creating a potential entrapment hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will repair the gaps in the wooden fence surrounding the playground area and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home does not have a pool on the property.

**Correction Deadline: 1/19/2022**

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**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The menu met the USDA menu requirements.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The provider stated the proper handwashing procedures for the provider and children.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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**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.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

Animals (turtles) maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Technical Assistance**

Please add antibiotic ointment and monitor the expiration dates of all items stored in the first aid kit.

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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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit was conducted on July 29, 2021.

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed the following information regarding criminal record checks with the director:

- Monitor the expiration dates of all staff members' criminal record check letters.
- Submit a portability request via DECAL KOALA for newly hired staff members that have a previous satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter issued by the department.
- Ensure that all newly hired staff members have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter prior to providing services to children present for care.
- Ensure that all newly hired and/or seasonal staff members with a six-month break of employment from child care submit an updated criminal record check application and complete the fingerprinting process prior to rendering services for child care services.

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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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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**290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any students-in-training employed.

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**290-2-3-.07 Volunteers(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any volunteers employed.

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<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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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**

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.