



Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Blanca Zambrano-Ruiz		County Johnson	
Care Address 2409 Aster AVE		City Iowa City	Zip Code 52240
Mailing Address 2409 Aster AVE		Mailing City Iowa City	Mailing Zip Code 52240
Phone 319-930-1355		Email	
Date of Complaint:	08/19/2025	Date of Visit:	08/20/2025
Type of Visit			
☐ Scheduled ☒ Unannounced ☐ N/A			
Compliance Regulation			
☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found ☐ Compliance with Regulations Found			
Recommendation for Registration:			
☒ No Changes to registration status recommended ☐ Revocation of Registration ☐ Cancellation of Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement			
Category of Care:			
☐ Category A ☒ Category B ☐ Category C (with no co-provider) ☐ Category C (with co-provider) ☐ Non-registered Child Care Home with CCA Provider Agreement			
Complaint Details:			
Did this complaint result in a serious injury? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
Did this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
Summary of Complaint:			
On 8/13/2025 two professionals visiting the childcare home observed an infant sleeping "face down on a blue couch cushion type object." Noncompliance with safe sleep is alleged.			

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):**1. 110.8(5) Safe Sleep**

a. Provider shall follow safe sleep practices as recommended by AAP for infants under one year. Infants are placed on back to sleep. Infants are placed on firm mattress with tight fitted sheet that meets CPSC standards. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets or loose bedding is allowed in sleeping area. Co-sleeping is not allowed. Sleeping infants will be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternative sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with state of medical reason is required.

Two professionals visiting Blanca's childcare home report observing an infant sleeping on a large, blue cushion, face down. SW Bailey met with Blanca discussed the allegations. Blanca stated that she had placed the infant on the cushion to play and that the infant was not sleeping. During the interaction with SW Bailey, Blanca showed the cushion that she was using and actually placed the same infant on the cushion, face down. Shortly after Blanca placed the infant on the cushion both Blanca and SW Bailey noticed that the infant had fallen asleep. Blanca picked up the sleeping infant and moved them to a pack and play crib. SW Bailey talked with Blanca about not having infants "play" on soft cushions because if they fall asleep, they could suffocate on the cushion.

SW Bailey was able to speak with one of the professionals that observed the safe sleep compliance issue. The professional stated that they were with another co-worker when they visited the childcare home. The person stated that the infant was sleeping, face-down, on the cushion when they arrived and they both commented on it to each other. They then brought the issue to the attention of Blanca, who then moved the infant to a pack and play. The professionals stated that Blanca reported that the infant must have "just fallen asleep."

Due to the statements from the professionals as well as the observation by SW Bailey of a very similar scenario, it is very likely that the infant has fallen asleep on the soft cushion more than one time. Blanca is found to be out of compliance for safe sleep practices.

2. 110.9(2) An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant.

During the visit at Blanca's home, she was caring for 10 children with a person who is not approved as an assistant. Blanca has two approved assistant/substitutes, however, at the time of the home visit, Blanca was having her friend, Alicia Sanchez, assist her. Blanca is found to be out of compliance by using an unapproved assistant.

Resolution and Action Required:

Blanca signed a safety plan agreeing to follow all safe sleep guidelines at all times. Blanca also signed a safety plan agreeing to only use assistants or substitutes that have been approved by HHS.

SW Bailey made referrals to CCR&R and CCNC to re-educate Blanca on safe sleep guidelines.

Consultant's Signature:	Holly Bailey	Date of Visit:	09/09/2025
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	09/19/2025