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Compliance Zone Designation		
01/11/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/26/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/24/2016	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	6	6	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	3	2	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	4
Total Under 13 Years	9	8	0	2	2
Total Under 18 Years	9				

Children Present: 9

Total Children: 14

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3

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More than 6 for pay

6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notorized no-pay statement

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/11/2017

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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O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Tameka Surry-Shearer, Program Official

Date

Jessica Grant, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.12(4)(a)-(f) requires that all equipment in the Home be: a) used in a safe and appropriate manner; b) used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; c) free from hazardous conditions; d) kept clean; e) placed to permit free movement; f) secured to prevent tipping or falling. It was determined by observation that a black flat screen television was not anchored to a stand as required in the child care area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure the safety of equipment by adding a strap to secure it to the stand.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2017

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

Met

Comment

Not caring for infants, per the provider.

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2016

Corrected on 1/11/2017

Forms observed.

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**Met****Comment**

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

Facility

290-2-3-.08 Physical Plant - Safe Environment**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(8) requires the Home to conduct drills for fire monthly and for tornado and other emergency situations every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation in the Home of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined by review of records that the provider did not have a fire drill conducted for December 2016.

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: 2/10/2017

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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 consultant observation, that a potential hazard existed in that a grill located on the left side of the play area near the fence, was not covered as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant discussed with the home provider, to ensure that the play area is kept free of hazards. The home provider will ensure that the grill is covered at all times.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2017**Recited on 1/11/2017****Health and Hygiene**

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/24/2016****Corrected on 1/11/2017****No medication observed accessible.****Licensure**

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, as defined in the rules, to make application to the Department for a license to operate as a Child Care Learning Center. It was determined that the provider cared for seven children for pay on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home caring for more than six children shall reduce number of children in care to six. The Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children for pay.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2017

Safety and Discipline

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

No Animals Kept

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

No transportation.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(e) requires every Employee hired before January 1, 2014 must have either a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination or a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file. If the Employee has only a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check, the Employee must obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017. It was determined by review of files that one person did not have the required fingerprint record on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that every employee has a Satisfactory Determination as required by the Rules.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2017

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

No Independent contractors

290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)**Met****Comment**

No additional staff

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

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2016

Corrected on 1/11/2017
Training observed.

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

Comment
No Students-in-training

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

Comment
No Volunteers

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.07(7) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children unrelated to the provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six children, except during two designated hours approved by the Department. It was determined by observation that the provider cared for seven unrelated children for pay on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2017

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

Comment
Observed-Adequate Supervision