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Date: 1/12/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
01/12/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/02/2016	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing
05/23/2016	Monitoring Visit	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	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				

Children Present: 8 Total Children: 6

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments
The consultant left a one day letter on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/12/2017

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).

Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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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)

Elsie Sams, Program Official Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment
Not caring for infants

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

Comment
No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(1)(c)

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(1)(c)

Child # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(1)(c)

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.08(1)(c) 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 day without such evidence. It was determined based on review of records that the home did not have such immunization records for three of six enrolled children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2017

Recited on 1/12/2017

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

Comment
Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

Facility

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)(c) 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 observations that the gate on the right hand side was no longer attached and the yard was not fully enclosed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced.
The provider states that the children do not play on that side of the yard. The provider will place a barrier in front of the gate until the gate is repaired.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2017

Licensure

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

Comment
290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - Application requirements met on this date. There were five children for pay present.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2017

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment
Observed-Positive Learning Environment

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

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 based on observations that one adult living in the home did not obtain a fingerprint records check determination by January 2017.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will ensure that every employee has a Satisfactory Determination as required by the Rules. The consultant left a one day letter and a copy of the livescan instructions.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2017

290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR) **N/A**

Comment
No Independent contractors

290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR) **N/A**

Comment
No additional staff

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

Comment
No Students-in-training

290-2-3-.07 Volunteers(CR) **N/A**

Comment
No Volunteers

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment
Observed-Adequate Supervision