



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/26/2017 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
01/26/2017	Initial 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	0	2	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	2	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0

Total Children: 4

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4


Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

Comments

Permission to Operate was granted this date. The Family Home Provider is currently caring for two (2) related children, and two (2) unrelated children. No children were present during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/26/2017

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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Jeannie Palmer, Program Official

Date

Iko Blackmon, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

No children were present during the visit. Consultant observed the correct number of sleeping mats, which met the requirement of being waterproof, two (2) inches thick and in good repair.

Comment

No children were present during the visit. Consultant observed two (2) of two (2) Play Yards, which met Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant observed Safe Sleep Policies in children's records, and discussed Infant Safe Sleep requirements with Provider on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider stated no swimming activities will be provided.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - No children were present during the visit. Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that hazardous items are stored inaccessible to children, in all rooms of the Home used for childcare.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2017

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

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant obtained a signed and dated written supervision plan regarding the entrance and exit route to the Outdoor area, and that children will not access the shed/playhouse located on the back-left side of the Outdoor area.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(b) - No children were present during the visit. Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that additional anchoring is added to the base posts of the swing set, located in the center of the Outdoor area. The Provider stated that additional anchoring will be added by February 28, 2017.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2017

Health and Hygiene

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

Consultant obtained a signed and dated written supervision plan regarding diapering that will be conducted in the back left room of the Home.

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(e) - No children were present during the visit. Consultant discussed documentation procedures with the Provider. Additionally, Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that medication is stored in a locked container, inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2017

Licensure

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

290-2-3-.04(1)(a) - Consultant observed Provider to meet licensing requirements this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2017

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant observed appropriate vaccination records, regarding the Provider's dogs.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(o) - Consultant observed a Pending Variance Application regarding farm animals located within 500 feet of the Family Child Care Learning Home. Consultant discussed the Pending status with Provider and stated that further follow-up will be based on the final determination of the Variance.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2017

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

No children were present during the visit. Consultant observed appropriate discipline policies this date.

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

The Provider stated that routine transportation will not be provided. Consultant observed the Provider's current driver's license and completed parental authorizations, which permit the Provider to take children off of the Premises.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed four (4) of four (4) Satisfactory COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letters, regarding the Provider, Provider's Spouse and two (2) Helpers. Consultant also discussed Criminal Records Check requirements with Provider this date.

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**

Other direct contact staff- Satisfactory records check

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)**Met****Comment**

No children were present during the visit. Consultant discussed staff: child ratio requirements with Provider this date.

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

No children were present during the visit. Consultant obtained signed and dated written supervision plans regarding the Family Home diapering room, bathroom and Outdoor area.