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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/16/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/21/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/13/2016	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)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	5	4	1	2	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	7	10	1	2	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	7				

Children Present: 7

Total Children: 12

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3


Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Provider stated that there have been no new household members or staff hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/16/2017

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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.

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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)

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Anitren Barrett, Program Official

Date

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Rena Keene, 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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position. One infant was enrolled for care and a Graco Pack N Play was available.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.19(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined based on consultant's observation that children were not placed the minimum distance apart and alternated based on placement of heads and feet.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will follow required procedures for arrangement of sleeping equipment.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

### Children's Records

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Release Person Information - (.08)(1)(i)	
Child # 5	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 9	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2)(c )18 requires notification of the absence of a liability insurance policy sufficient to protect its clients. If the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients, the Home must notify the Parent of each Child under the care of the program in writing. Each Parent must acknowledge receipt of such notice, and a copy of the acknowledgement shall be kept in the Child's file. It was determined, based on a review of Children's records, that two of the five children enrolled and present for pay did not have evidence of signed No Liability Signature Forms. The two children whose records were missing the form were siblings.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1)(i) - One child's form was observed to be missing the relationship of the person authorized to pick the child up other than the parent. Please be sure that this information is included for all children.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards and the following items were discussed:

- 1. Provider is replacing the barrier around the heating and air conditioning unit with a fence and stated that her husband is working on that during the visit, having gone to purchase items for the repair. The barrier will be installed and the orange mesh and metal fence posts will be removed from the outdoor play area if not used.
- 2. Children will not be allowed to play in the area behind the outdoor storage area where an ant bed was observed. Provider will monitor daily the area where the children are allowed to play to ensure that no ant beds are present.
- 3. The rolling door on the storage building as well as the other door will be kept locked at all times when children are present for care.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2017**

**Food Service**

**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition** **Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.10(2) requires that meals and snacks be nutritious, well balanced, and varied. Lunch and supper meals shall consist of vegetables or fruit or both; meat, poultry, fish, cheese, eggs, or protein substitute; bread; and milk unless the child has a specific health reason for prohibiting milk. Caregivers shall not use food to reward or punish children. It was determined based on observation of the lunch served during visit that the meal did not include all of the required components. The lunch served included breaded chicken nuggets, corn, applesauce and apple juice. Milk was not served.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will serve meals and snacks that meet these requirements as recommended by USDA.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

**Comment**

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

**Comment**

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures. Provider stated that she does not administer medications to children in care.

**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - No more than six children for pay was observed to be present during visit.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate Vaccination Records were observed for the family's pet dog that was confined to the back porch during visit and also has a wire kennel for use.

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

**Comment**

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed Kit Complete

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

**Comment**

No transportation.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**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 that four adults, including the provider, living in the home had not obtained a satisfactory Fingerprint Records check by January 1, 2017 as required. The procedures were reviewed with provider and a one-day letter was left with the provider.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that every adult household member over 17 years of age and any employee has a Satisfactory Determination as required by the Rules. Satisfactory Clearance Letters will be faxed to consultant as soon as they are received. Within one day, evidence that Cogent fingerprints have been completed will be faxed to consultant at 912-544-9926.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

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**290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(12)(a) - Independent contractor- Satisfactory record check The requirements for persons coming to the home and providing therapy were discussed with provider.

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

**Comment**

No additional staff

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

**Correction Deadline: 12/30/2016**

**Corrected on 2/16/2017**

**.07(4) - It was determined based on a review of staff records that provider obtained the required ten hours of ongoing training during the 2016 calendar year.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Students-in-training

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Volunteers

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

290-2-3-.07(7) - 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. Six children for pay and one related child was observed to be present during visit.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision