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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/22/2017	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	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	0				

Children Present: 0

Total Children: 1

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1


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**Comments**

Permission to operate was given on 2/27/17 when the provider submitted photographs of the fire extinguisher and copy of fingerprint clearance letter to consultant.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/22/2017

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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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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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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

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Discussed securing the blue book shelf in the child care room.

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Cots were observed in good condition with sheets and covers for each.

**Comment**

The provider will not be licensed to care for infants. If the provider wants to provide care for infants in the future, the regional consultant will be contacted to add the service before it begins.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided. No pool on site.

### Children's Records

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No children enrolled

### Facility

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the fire extinguisher indicated that it needed to be recharged.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The home provider will ensure that a working fire extinguisher is available in the child care area as required, and is maintained inaccessible to children.

The citation was corrected, as provider sent consultant a picture of the recharged extinguisher on 2/27/17.

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2017**

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

Discussed that hazards should be kept out of reach of children at all times. Discussed adding latches to the doors to rooms that children should not have access to. Any hazards observed were removed during the visit.

**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 observation that the following was observed: several pieces of fence, boards, and other items were present in the backyard and very near the entrance to the playground. In addition, the front porch and steps leading up to the front of the home were unsteady. This porch/steps are used to enter the home and to access the route to the playground. At least two holes were observed on the porch boards, and several boards were loose and unsteady. In addition, at least one nail was observed protruding from the porch rails. A five inch gap was observed between the steps and between the rails along the left side of the steps. Additionally, there were no hand rails along the right side of the steps.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the health and safety of children, the Home Provider will repair all boards and gaps. Gaps should be no larger than 3 1/2 inches

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2017**

**Technical Assistance**

Items discussed and corrected during the visit that will need to be maintained: ant beds were treated, broken/dirty toys and play materials were removed, loose fencing material was removed from the playground.

**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 observation that two of two fence gates were not attached to the fence properly and were unsteady. In addition, sharp metal was present along the top of the fence. In addition, the fence was not attached to the ground along the bottom and could easily be pushed/pulled away.

**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 Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2017**

**Licensure**

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

The provider was not given permission to operate this date.

**Correction Deadline: 2/27/2017**

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<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

No children present or enrolled. Discussed discipline rules.

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**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires the Home and any vehicle used for transportation Children to have a first aid kit which at least contains: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times. It was determined based on observation that the home lacked a first aid kit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will replace any missing items in the first aid kit,keep the instruction manual and written universal precautions with the kit and will check the kit regularly. The Home will store the kit where children will not have access to it.

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2017**

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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-.08 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(5) requires the Provider to maintain copies of satisfactory criminal records check determinations, or preliminary records check applications and (fingerprint) records check applications, if determinations are in the application process in the Home. It was determined based on observation that the provider had a fingerprint clearance determination letter dated older than 12 months. The provider has been fingerprinted and submitted a background check application to the department today. The new background check letter had not been processed yet.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will forward her new determination letter once received to the consultant. Provider emailed copy of her satisfactory fingerprint clearance letter to consultant on 2/27/17. This citation has now been corrected.

**Correction Deadline: 2/22/2017**

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

**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete for the provider. Discussed no other adults 17 or older may be in the home until a satisfactory fingerprint clearance is received.

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

**Comment**

No Independent contractors.

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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 Students-in-Training(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No Students-in-training

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

**Comment**

No Volunteers.

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

**Comment**

No children present. Discussed ratio and supervision requirements.

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

**Comment**

No children enrolled.