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Date: 4/11/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
04/11/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/12/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/08/2016	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	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	8	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				

Children Present: 6

Total Children: 8

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

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Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on previously cited rule violations.

A problem with a KOALA entry prevented consultant from issuing a Compliance and Enforcement Determination Worksheet that contained all the findings information from the visit. An updated form will be sent to provider.

April 19, 2017: Revised Monitoring Visit forms sent to provider by email and by regular mail.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/11/2017

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(j)(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@dec.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://dec.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)

Carolyn Murphy, Program Official

Date

Rena Keene, Consultant

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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

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Comment

Observed-Pool Not in Use-Gates Locked

Children's Records

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

Met

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(1)(i) requires the Home to maintain the name of person(s) to whom the Child may be released in each Child's record. Such information shall contain the authorized person's address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent, and other identifying information. It was determined based on a review of the records of the last two enrolled children that all required information was not on file. The addresses for the persons to whom the child could be released were not listed. The provider was given a copy of the most recent enrollment form from the department's website that contains all the required information.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on consultant's observation that a sheet of plywood placed on top of a pool table was a hazard to the children in that sharp, rough corners were exposed that could injure a child. The sheet of wood was observed to extend over the edges and posed a hazard to the children if they should bump or run into one of the four corners. The table was placed in the child care area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children by covering the corners of the board with a protective cover or removing the hazard from the child care area.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2017

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 that the outdoor play area was not clean and free of hazards. Based on consultant's observation, the small playground area which the provider stated is now the only outdoor play area that is utilized for the children, was not free of hazards. Ground cover growth of ivy and confederate jasmine was observed that must be eliminated. Ivy is considered to be a toxic plant and the ground cover itself prevents a child from being able to see any hazards that may be present beneath the plants.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the health and safety of children, the home provider will eliminate the ground cover growth in the play area that is toxic and prevents visual awareness of any hazards beneath the plant growth.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2017**Recited on 4/11/2017**

Health and Hygiene

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(k) - Observed handwashing when the children returned from a field trip,

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2017

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

No Diapered Children Enrolled

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

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures - Provider stated that medications are not administered to children in care.

Licensure

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

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - Only six children were observed to be present for care. 2017 License was observed to be posted.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2017

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based on a review of the most recent vaccination certificate for the Golden Retriever in the home that the pet in the home had not received his vaccination when due. The vaccination certificate showed that the rabies and other vaccines were due on February 13, 2017.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2017

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(l) requires written authorization for the child to receive emergency medical treatment when the Parent is not available, shall be maintained in the vehicle. It was determined based on a review of children records on the vehicle that one of six children transported on April 11, 2017, did not have an emergency medical authorization on the vehicle when he was transported.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain copies of parental authorizations and maintain them in the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2017

Staff Records

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

Criminal Records Check complete

Comment

No new hires or additional household members.

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 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

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision