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**Date:** 4/13/2017    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 1:00 PM    **Departure:** 5:00 PM

**FR-46724**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
04/13/2017	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	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	0				

Children Present: 0

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Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

**Comments**

7-12-17 - Repair of system database error was completed this date. A revised copy of the visit cover page documenting Permission to Operate granted was emailed to the Provider.

5-9-17 - Permission to Operate was granted this date, based on completion of Consultant follow-up. The Home is Licensed to care for a maximum of six (6) children, ages three through 12-years-old. Due to system database error, the visit report was unable to be opened to document Permission to Operate granted, and the revised cover page was unable to be emailed to the Provider this date. A copy of the revised cover page will be emailed to the Provider upon system repair. On this date, the Inspection Master, documenting Permission to Operate granted, was emailed to the Provider.

4-13-17 - Permission to Operate was not granted this date. A 90-day Temporary License was granted. Final License will be granted upon Consultant follow-up. Per Temporary License approval, the Home is permitted to care for a maximum of six (6) children ages three-years through 12-years old. The Family Home Provider currently cares for two (2) birth children who were not present on the date of the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/13/2017

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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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Tinesha Shabazz, Program Official

Date

Iko Blackmon, Consultant

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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**

The Family Child Care Learning Home will not care for Infants, and will be Licensed to serve children ages three (3)-years through 12-years-old.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Provider stated no swimming activities provided.

### Children's Records

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Provider currently cares for two (2) birth children, and upon receipt of Temporary License, will care for four (4) additional related children. However, no children are currently enrolled.

### Facility

**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant - Safe Environment**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1)(i) requires that measures be used to prevent the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin on the premises, Windows and doors used for ventilation shall be screened. It was determined, based on Consultant observation, that live roaches were present in the Home during the visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider stated that roaches were discovered upon the Provider's initial occupancy of the Home. Additionally, the Provider stated that the Home has been treated for roaches within the past 30 days, and is currently on a routine schedule with property management to be treated weekly, going forward.

**Correction Deadline: 4/23/2017**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.11(2)(d) - Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that cords extending from the computer area and game console are maintained inaccessible to children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 4/13/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed the overall condition of the Home to be clean and free of hazards on this date.

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**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 Consultant observation, that the outdoor play area fence posts and fencing material were not fully sturdy and secure as required. It was also determined, based on Consultant observation, that the fence measured approximately three (3) feet, 10 inches in height; less than the required minimum four (4) feet on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider stated that the Home will enclose the outdoor play area with a minimum four (4) foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier. The Provider also stated that the fence posts will be replaced to ensure that the required height, sturdiness and security of all fencing materials is met. Further, the Provider will submit pictures of the corrected area to the Consultant for review and approval.

**Correction Deadline: 4/28/2017**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Diapered Children Enrolled

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No enrolled children were present on this date. Additionally, the Provider stated that the Home will not administer medication.

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**Licensure**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 4/13/2017**

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

No children were enrolled on this date other than the Provider's two (2) children, who were not present during the visit. Consultant observed appropriate discipline policies on this date.

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

**Comment**

Consultant observed required restraints, first aid kit, fire extinguisher and appropriate documentation on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Consultant observed two (2) of two (2) Satisfactory COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letters, regarding the Provider and one (1) Helper, on this date. The Provider stated no other persons age 17-years or older, work, reside or shall have access to children enrolled in the Family Child Care Learning Home.

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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**

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding the Provider's Helper.

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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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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No children present

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

**Comment**

No children were present on the date of the visit. Consultant obtained a signed and dated written Supervision Plan, regarding the route to the Playground.