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**Date:** 4/19/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 3:20 PM    **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
04/19/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/06/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/18/2016	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	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

Total Children: 0


Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/19/2017

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).

	<p><b>Reminder:</b> All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before <b>January 1, 2017</b>. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="http://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.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://decal.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.

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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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Debbie Baxter, Program Official

Date

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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

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

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities 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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

**Comment**

Home Free of Hazards

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**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 consultant observed rust on the swing chains on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the health and safety of children, the home provider will ensure that the swing chains are replaced or repainted.

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

Recited on 4/19/2017

<b>Licensure</b>
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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - Provider had three children on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2017**

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

No transportation.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

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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 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(4) requires the Family Day Care Home to ensure the Provider, on an annual basis, attends ten clock hours of diverse training which is related to care of children and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department approved source. Records of completion of such training programs shall be maintained in the Family Day Care Home, as required by these rules. It was determined that provider did not meet this rule in that provider did not have the required ten hours of annual training for registration year 2015. The provider had obtained two hours for the annual year 2016.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Family Day Care Home will ensure the Provider completes ten hours of annual training each year. Provider had six hours for 2017 already.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2017****Recited on 4/19/2017**

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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 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate Ratios Observed