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Date: 7/18/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:45 PM

Departure: 2:00 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation

07/18/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/13/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/28/2016	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 the 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	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	2	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	4	0	3	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				

Children Present: 3

Total Children: 7

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/18/2017

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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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.

- 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.

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)

Shawn Brown, Program Official

Date

Tiffany Whigham, Consultant

Date



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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

Not caring for infants

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(b) requires that cots and mats shall be provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep. It was determined based upon consultant's observation, that three children enrolled were sleeping on blankets instead of a cot or mat during nap time on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will provide a cot or mat for every child who is 2 years of age or older and every child who is under the age of 2 year who is able to climb out of a crib.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2017

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

N/A

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

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

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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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 upon consultant's observation, that the black ceiling above the play area was chipping and peeling in multiple places on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2017

Technical Assistance

Provider will ensure that the fencing in the play area has no gaps at the bottom.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2017

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper hand washing procedures discussed.

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

No Diapered Children Enrolled

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

Provider stated that no medication is administered at this time.

Licensure

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

Appropriate number of children observed. Consultant observed provider to care for two unrelated children for pay and one related child for no pay on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Pleasant Interactions Observed

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

Staff Records

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

Criminal Records Check complete

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

Observed-Adequate Supervision