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**Date:** 7/19/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:15 AM

**Departure:** 11:25 AM

**FR-37767**

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**Compliance Zone Designation**

07/19/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/19/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/12/2016	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 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	2	3	0	2	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	2	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	6	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	4				

Children Present: 4

Total Children: 8

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

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**Comments**

The consultant issued and discussed the compliance and enforcement determination worksheet on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/19/2017

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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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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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Janice Bell, Program Official

Date

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Rukiya Thomas, Consultant

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The consultant observed that two of two cribs were approved.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

### Facility

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1)(f) requires that fans be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that children had access to two portable fans located in the front room of the day care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that fans are inaccessible.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The consultant observed a working smoke detector and fire extinguisher.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2017**

**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1)(e) prohibits the use of multiple plugs and electric extension cords. Electrical outlets within reach of children shall be plugged or covered. It was determined based on observation that a multiple plug was used to plug in the lamp and aquarium. It was observed that one outlet in the bathroom was not covered.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will not use multiple plugs and electric extension cords and will check regularly to ensure electrical outlets are plugged or covered. Corrected on site.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2017****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 a shovel and wheel barrow were accessible on the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will remove the items so that they are not accessible.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2017****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(b) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable be securely anchored to eliminate accidents or injuries. It was determined based on observation that the swing set and playhouse climber was not anchored.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure that climbing and swinging equipment is securely anchored.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2017****Health and Hygiene****290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Provider Stated Appropriate Diapering Practices

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

The provider stated that medication is not administered at this time.

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

Appropriate number of children

**Safety and Discipline**

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Animals</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Appropriate Vaccination Records

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

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

Criminal Records Check complete

**Comment**

Hired since last visit

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Training</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The consultant observed the provider's health and safety training along with the ten hours of state approved training for 2016.

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

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision