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Date: 7/24/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:05 AM

Departure: 11:40 AM

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Compliance Zone Designation

07/24/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/19/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/20/2016	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0

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Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4

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Comments

The provider stated that no new staff or no new residents reside at the home on this date. The facility does not conduct transportation or field trips. The provider does not have liability insurance, but the provider had the notice posted to show this as well as all enrolled children had parents who signed the acknowledgement form. The consultant and provider discussed the following items:

* The provider must develop an updated emergency procedures plan. The consultant left a template of the emergency procedure plan for the facility on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/24/2017

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(i)(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)

Brenda Herrington-Hilaire, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, 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

Not caring for infants

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

N/A

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Observed-Records Complete/Well Organized

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

Met

Comment

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

Facility

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the home has an updated written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2017

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

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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 based on the consultant's observation that the little tikes playstation had a sharp edge located on the left back section of the mailbox. It was further determined based on the consultant's observation that the yellow see-saw, and the blue and yellow car ramp had sharp edges located on the bottom section, and the top left section accessible to children.

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: 8/3/2017

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) 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 the consultant's observation that the fencing on the right hand side near the shed building is measuring three feet, ten inches. It was further determined based on the consultant's observation that the the fencing in the left middle section was measuring three feet, eleven inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2017

Comment

No Pool on Property

Health and Hygiene**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) requires children's hands to be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that children's hands were not washed with warm running water after diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure proper hygiene, all children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2017

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the changing surface was not cleaned with a disinfectant.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the control of disease transmission, the Home Provider will change diapers in the child's crib or a nonporous surface. The diapering surface will be cleaned and disinfected between use with a single use disposable towel.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2017

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that diapers are changed on the smooth surface instead of the textured side.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2017

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures. On this date the provider stated that no medication is being dispensed.

Licensure

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

Application requirements reviewed

Comment

Appropriate number of children

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Met****Comment**

Animals Clean/Appropriately Caged

Comment

Appropriate Vaccination Records

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

Pleasant Interactions Observed

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Met****Comment**

Complete kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2017

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

Staff Records

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

Criminal Records Check complete

Comment

No new hires

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Observed-Provider Certified First Aid & CPR

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

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Health/Safety training reminder

Comment

Observed-Documentation of Annual Training

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