



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/1/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

**FR-24536**

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**Compliance Zone Designation**

08/01/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/14/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/22/2016	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)	1	0	0	1	0
1 & 2 Years	7	6	0	3	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	2	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	11	9	0	6	0
Total Under 18 Years	11				

Children Present: 11

Total Children: 15

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 11

**More than 6 for pay**

6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement

**Comments**

A one-day letter was left on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/01/2017

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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**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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Sherlynn Neal, Program Official

Date

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Melyn Smith, 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**

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

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

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

### Facility

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

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Consultant discussed with the provider updating the Home's 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 on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/11/2017**

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

**Comment**

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed - Fluff and Redistribute Resilient Surfacing, especially after heavy rainfall.

**Comment**

Outside Area Clean, Well Maintained

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

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

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**Licensure**

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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in the rules, to make application to the Department for a license to operate as a Child Care Learning Center. It was determined, based on observation, that the provider and two helpers were observed to provide care for seven unrelated children for pay, one unrelated child for no pay, and three related children for no pay on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. The Family Child Care Learning Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children, related or unrelated, for pay.

**Correction Deadline: 8/1/2017**

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

No Animals Kept

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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 Routine Transportation Provided

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**Staff Records**

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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(d) requires each Employee hired on or after January 1, 2014 to have a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination with a Records Check Clearance date that is within the preceding 12 months of the hire date. It was determined, based on review of records, one helper hired July 7, 2017 did not have a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file as required. It was further determined that a satisfactory Preliminary Criminal Records Check was on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure that each employee hired on or after January 1, 2014 has a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination with a Records Check Clearance date that is within the preceding 12 months of the hire date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/1/2017****Correction Deadline: 2/15/2017****Corrected on 8/1/2017**

.21(1)(e) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, that all staff hired before January 1, 2014 had satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determinations on file as required on this date.

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

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(11) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children unrelated to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six children, except during two designated hours approved by the Department. It was determined, based on observation, that the provider and two helpers were observed to provide care for seven unrelated children for pay, one unrelated child for no pay, and three related children for no pay on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

**Correction Deadline: 8/11/2017****Comment**

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs