



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/7/2017

**VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:10 AM

**Departure:** 12:10 PM

**FR-36560**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/07/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/19/2017	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
06/19/2017	Complaint Closure	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	1	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	5	5	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	4
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	7	8	0	2	1
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	7				

Children Present: 7

Total Children: 14

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/07/2017

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.

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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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Tameka Surry-Shearer, Program Official

Date

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Jessica Grant, Consultant

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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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

**Not Met**

##### **Finding**

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.12(4)(a)-(f) requires that all equipment in the Home be: a) used in a safe and appropriate manner; b) used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; c) free from hazardous conditions; d) kept clean; e) placed to permit free movement; f) secured to prevent tipping or falling. It was determined by observation that a black flat screen television was not anchored to a stand as required in the child care area.

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based on observation that the black flat screen television was not anchored or secured to the stand.

##### **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Previously Cited: The Home Provider will ensure the safety of equipment by adding a strap to secure it to the stand.

The Home will secure any identified equipment and/or furniture to prevent from tipping or falling over on a child. The Home Provider will ensure that all potentially dangerous equipment is maintained secure.

**Correction Deadline: 8/7/2017**

**Recited on 8/7/2017**

#### 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

**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 Clean, Free of Hazards

**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

**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 observation that a five inch gap was observed in the middle section of the fence due to the boards separating. Two nails were exposed.

**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: 8/7/2017**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Observed hand washing.

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

**Comment**

No Diapered Children Enrolled

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

**Comment**

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures

**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children

**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)** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/19/2017**

**Corrected on 8/7/2017**

**Satisfactory determination observed on file.**

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

**Comment**

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision