



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

**VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:25 AM

**Departure:** 11:55 AM

**FR-00005844**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/08/2017	Monitoring Visit	Deficient
02/03/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/12/2016	Monitoring Visit	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)	2	1	0	1	0
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	4	4	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	4				

Children Present: 5

Total Children: 5

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1


Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement to be completed by August 22, 2017

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/22/2017

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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- 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

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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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Annette Cuyler, Program Official

Date

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Kati Cosby, Consultant

Date



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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-.09 Activities**

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.09(7) - Consultant provided technical assistance for provider about appropriate media and that media only be allowed no more than two hours each day.

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

**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**

**Finding**

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.19(2)(h) requires that infants shall only sleep in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep as described in 290-2-3-.19(1)(a) and shall not sleep in any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, high chair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the facility asleep or fall asleep in such equipment or on the floor shall be transferred to a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep.

It was determined based on observation that, one infant was sleeping in a swing and another was sleeping on an adult sized bed.

290-2-3-.19(2)(c) requires that infants shall only sleep in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep as described in 290-2-3-.19(1)(a) and shall not sleep in any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the facility asleep or fall asleep in such equipment or on the floor shall be transferred to a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep. It was determined, that upon Consultant's arrival an infant was left asleep in an infant carrier.

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

**Recited on 8/8/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

**Children's Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Infant Feeding Plan - (.10)(4),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)(b)

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Correction Deadline: 2/3/2017**

**Corrected on 8/8/2017**

**.08(1) - Previous citation was corrected in that Consultant observed a completed enrollment record for each child enrolled.**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1) - Consultant provided technical assistance on enrollment records.

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

**Correction Deadline: 2/3/2017**

**Corrected on 8/8/2017**

**.08(1)(c) - Previous citation was corrected in that all immunization records were observed on this date.**

**Facility**

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**290-2-3-.08 Physical Plant - Safe Environment**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/5/2017**

**Corrected on 8/8/2017**

**.08(8) - Previous citation was corrected in that Consultant observed all drills were completed.**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation that, unsafe storage of materials dangerous to children was observed in that a broken piece of glass in a frame was accessible to children on a low shelf.

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

**Recited on 8/8/2017**

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**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)**

**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 observation, that a potential hazard existed in that the stair steps leading from the house to the play area had splintering wood and exposed nails and two broken and disassembled play structures were present in the the play area. It was further determined that broken toys, a rake, large cactus and tree limbs were present and accessible to children.

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**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2017**

**Recited on 8/8/2017**

**Finding**

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.13(2)(c) 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 consultants observation that a gap was present in the fencing on the right side posing a potential entrapment hazard.

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 and measurements, that a gap measuring 4 inches wide was present between two poles in the play area fencing next to the gate.

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**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2017**

**Food Service**

**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.10(4) requires that for the feeding of children under one year old the Home Provider must secure from Parents infant formula and a feeding plan. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Provider did not have an Infant feeding plan for a two month old infant.

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

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(5) - Consultant discussed formula requirements and proper storage with Provider.

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

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(i) requires that personnel shall wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately before and after each diaper change; immediately upon the first Child's arrival in the Home for care and upon re-entering the Home after outside play; before and after dispensing oral medications and applying topical medications, ointments, creams or lotions, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding or assisting children with eating and drinking; after toileting or helping children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling 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 observation, that the Provider did not wash her hands after a diaper change.

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

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**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 observation, that the Provider did not disinfect the diaper changing surface after a diaper change.

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures

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**Licensure**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children

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**Safety and Discipline**

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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: 2/3/2017**

**Corrected on 8/8/2017**

.21(1)(e) - Previous citation was corrected in that all Fingerprint Records Checks were observed on this date.

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

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(4) requires the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment. Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the training within the first 90 days of employment. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases; prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster, or threatening event such as violence at the facility; handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; and precautions in transporting children (if applicable). It was determined, based on review of records, that the Provider's helper did not complete the Health and Safety training as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2017**

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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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