



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/18/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:20 PM

Departure: 2:20 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation			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.
10/18/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/25/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/26/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	1	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				

Children Present: 1

Total Children: 5

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1


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Comments

The purpose of today's visit to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up from previous visit on April 25, 2017. Consultant discussed with family provider on possiblites of ensuring the playground fence is at least four feet in height.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/18/2017

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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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.

- 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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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)

Patricia McBride, Program Official

Date

Chrische Walker, 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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed-Variety Of Equipment throughout family home.

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)

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)(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 tree trunks on playground were exposed causing a potential hazard to children. Family provider stated that tree trunks were painted orange, but has been washed off. It was further determined that an active ant bed and hill was located near the tree trunk in the middle of playground.

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: 10/28/2017

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 observations that the fence measured between three feet and three feet and eight inches on several areas.

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 the right side of the fence measured three feet and seven inches. It was further determined that the back side of the fence measured between three feet and five inches to two feet and eleven inches. Consultant also observed left side of fence to measure between three feet and five inches to three feet and four inches. It was further determined that the far front fence measured between three feet and seven inches to three feet and three inches. Family provider stated that she did place chicken wire on top of fence to have the required four feet in height. The chicken wire was stated to been blown away from Hurricane Irma.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: 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 consultant discussed with the provider about adding additional fence material to the top of the fence to ensure the entire fence measures four feet in height.

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: 11/29/2017

Recited on 10/18/2017

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Family provider stated proper knowledge of children washing hands when entering family home and before and after meals.

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

Comment

No Diapered Children Enrolled

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

Comment

Per family provider, no medication administered at this time.

Licensure

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

Comment

Appropriate number of children

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

No Animals Kept

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

Comment

Pleasant Interactions Observed. Family provider stated positive discipline techniques.

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. Consultant discussed with provider that her expiration expires on January 1, 2019.

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

Comment

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

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