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Date: 11/25/2015 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:25 AM **Departure:** 10:20 AM

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Compliance
Projected FY 2016 Compliance: Compliant
End of FY 2015 Compliance: Not Compliant
End of FY 2014 Compliance: Compliant

Legend
FY 2016 - July 1st, 2015 - June 30th, 2016
FY 2015 - July 1st, 2014 - June 30th, 2015
FY 2014 - July 1st, 2013 - June 30th, 2014

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	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	8	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 8

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/25/2015

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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

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.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed or registered 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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Group Day Care Homes, 290-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility.

Sharon Denison, Program Official Date

Jessica Grant, Consultant Date

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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-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2015

Corrected on 11/25/2015
No crib observed.

Finding
290-2-3-.19(4) requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined that mats were observed to be folded and stacked with sheets still on them.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The provider stated she will remove the bedding.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2015

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

Comment
Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

(.08)(1)(a)-Dad Home # Missing ,(.08)(1)(a)-Dad Work # Missing

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

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2015

Corrected on 11/25/2015
Forms observed.

290-2-3-.11 Children's Records **Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2015

Corrected on 11/25/2015
Immunizations observed.

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

Comment
Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

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 that potential hazard existed in that the fencing material in the left corner of the play area next to the shed was observed to have nails protruding from it.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
To ensure the health and safety of children, the home provider will keep the outdoor storage area closed and locked at all times when children are present. Additionally, the refrigerator will be removed from any child care areas or the doors will be removed or blocked so that children cannot become trapped inside.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2015

Recited on 11/25/2015

Finding
290-2-3-.13(2)(b) requires that non-portable climbing and swinging equipment has a resilient surface beneath the equipment and fall zone from such equipment which is adequately maintained. The fall zone for the little tyke climbing structure was not adequate. two inches was observed beneath the structure. The surface used was mulch and straw.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The provider stated she purchased mulch and it will be added this weekend.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2015

Finding
290-2-3-.13(2)(c) requires that fencing material not present a hazard to children and be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the area. It was determined that a section of fencing in the back corner of the yard was not safe. A piece of ply board used to block an opening in the fence was observed to be splintered and deteriorating. The white fencing material on the play area measure 3ft 3in.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
To ensure the safety of fencing, per the home provider, she will replace the wooden section with safe materials that meet all requirements this weekend. The provider stated she will repair the fence to meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2015

Recited on 11/25/2015

Licensure

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

Comment
Granted permission to operate

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment
The family day care home does not keep animals on premises, per provider.

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

Comment
Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

Comment
The provider does not currenlty provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2015

Corrected on 11/25/2015
Satisfactory fingerprint letter observed.

290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR) **Met**

Comment
No Independent contractors

290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR) **Met**

Comment
No additional staff

290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR) **Met**

Comment
No Students-in-training

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

Comment
No Volunteers

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment
Observed-Adequate Supervision