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Date: 12/14/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 3:30 PM **Departure:** 5:15 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/14/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/13/2017	Initial 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 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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	0	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				

Children Present: 1

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Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/14/2017

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).

Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@decals.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://decals.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 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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decals.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decals.ga.gov

Tinesha Shabazz, Program Official

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

Discussed-Add Toys to Enhance Learning Environment

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-.13 Physical Plant - Safe Environment

Not Met

Finding

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.13(1)(i) requires that measures be used to prevent the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin on the premises, Windows and doors used for ventilation shall be screened. It was determined, based on Consultant observation, that live roaches were present in the Home during the visit.

290-2-3-.13(1)(g) requires that measures be used to prevent the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin on the premises. It was determined by consultant that the home had roaches throughout the home.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Provider stated that roaches were discovered upon the Provider's initial occupancy of the Home. Additionally, the Provider stated that the Home has been treated for roaches within the past 30 days, and is currently on a routine schedule with property management to be treated weekly, going forward.

The Home will use effective pest control methods, check the premises regularly and follow up immediately if any problems are noted. The Home will only leave screened windows and doors for ventilation and will not leave unscreened windows and doors open.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2017

Recited on 12/14/2017

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

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2016

Corrected on 12/14/2017

.11(2)(c) - Consultant observed previous citation to be corrected in that fire drills were observed to be conducted on a routine monthly basis during the year 2017.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR) Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the home be clean and free from hazards. The following areas/items were found to be noncompliant: It was determined by consultant that the bathroom in use was not sanitized, clean and had an odor in the home. The floors were in need of repair. The sofa in the living room had tears and holes exposing foam that could a potential hazards to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the home provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2018

Recited on 12/14/2017

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR) Defer

Defer

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) - Playground area was not able to be observed on this date. This citation will be follow up on during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider stated that the Home will enclose the outdoor play area with a minimum four (4) foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier. The Provider also stated that the fence posts will be replaced to ensure that the required height, sturdiness and security of all fencing materials is met. Further, the Provider will submit pictures of the corrected area to the Consultant for review and approval.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2017

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures

Licensure

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

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - No children were present on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2017**Policies and Procedures**

290-2-3-.11 Posted Notices**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/30/2016****Corrected on 12/14/2017****.11(2)(b)1-6 - Consultant observed previous citation to be corrected in that all required emergency numbers were posted and available for viewing.****Safety and Discipline**

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

No children present

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

No children present

Staff Records

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

Criminal Records Check complete

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/30/2016****Corrected on 12/14/2017****.07(4) - Consultant observed previous citation to be corrected in that the provider has obtained the required CPR and First-aid training.**

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

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

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 a review of records that the provider did not complete the mandatory health and safety orientation training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete the required training and will ensure any Employees complete the training. The Provider will develop a plan to ensure that any new Employees complete the training as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2018

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