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Arrival: 12:50 PM

Departure: 2:30 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.
10/19/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/14/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/02/2016	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 0 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3					

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/19/2017

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.

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.

- 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 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)

Harriolyn Couch, Program Official

Date

Lajuana Williams, Consultant

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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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

Not caring for infants

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

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

N/A

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on observation that the home did not have an updated emergency plan.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will complete a written plan for emergencies.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2017

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Met****Comment**

Home Clean, Free of Hazards. A working fire extinguisher and smoke detectors observed.

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 gap in the fencing material was observed in the back right corner of the play area making the neighbor's yard accessible.

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: 10/19/2017**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**

Provider Stated Appropriate Diapering. Discussed the order of the diapering process.

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

Medicine was not dispensed.

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

Appropriate number of children

Safety and Discipline**290-2-3-.11 Animals****N/A****Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

Staff Records

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

Criminal Records Check complete

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-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs