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Date: 9/18/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:05 PM

Departure: 3:15 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.
09/18/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/13/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/13/2017	Complaint Investigation & 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

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

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- 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.

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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)

Sandra Melendez, Program Official

Date

Jacquelyn Sims, 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

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

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of records, that the provider lacked an enrollment record for one of six enrolled children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2017

Finding

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.08(1)(c) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the home may not continue for more than 30 day without such evidence. It was determined, based on a review of records that the Provider did not have such evidence for 1 of 3 enrolled children.

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records, that the provider lacked current immunization records for one of five enrolled children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2017

Recited on 9/18/2017

Finding

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.08(1)(j) requires the Home to maintain documentation, which need not be filed in the Child's individual record, that the Child has been signed in and out of the Home at each arrival and departure time by the Parent or authorized person(s). The documentation will include at least the following information: the Child's name, date, drop-off and pick-up times, and initials of the Parent or other authorized person. The Home shall ensure that Children are only released to authorized person(s), and shall take necessary steps to determine that any such person(s) presenting to pick up a Child in care is authorized by the Parents of the Child and that person matches the identifying information provided by the Parent. It was determined, based on review of records that the Provider did not have sign-in and sign-out sheets for enrolled children on this date.

290-2-3-.08(9) requires that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent or guardian to drop off and pick up the Child document each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the Child. The documentation shall include at least the following information: the date , the Child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person and shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records, that the provider lacked current sign in/out sheets. When asked, she stated that they were upstairs and not yet updated.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Home will develop, if needed, and implement sign-in and out procedures that include all required information, will inform Parents of the procedures and will monitor to ensure Children are signed in and out as required. The Home will check records and identification and take any additional steps necessary to ensure children are released to authorized persons.

The Home will develop, if needed, and implement sign-in and out procedures that include all required information, will inform Parents of the procedures and will monitor to ensure Children are signed in and out as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2017

Recited on 9/18/2017

Facility

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

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Consultant made provider aware to keep hazards inaccessible to the children.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed garbage in the outside play area. Provider stated that the pickup was delayed due to the severe weather from the hurricane but normal pickup will resume on tomorrow.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition	Not Met
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Finding

290-2-3-.10(4) requires that for the feeding of children under one year old the provider must secure from parents infant formula and a feeding plan. It was determined, based on a review of records that the provider did not have infant feeding plans available for one infant in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will ensure that infant formula and a feeding plan is secured for children under one year old.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2017

Recited on 9/18/2017

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Provider Stated Appropriate Diapering

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

Provider stated that she does not administer medications.

Licensure

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

Appropriate number of children

Safety and Discipline

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

Pleasant Interactions Observed

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

Staff Records

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

No new hires

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

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

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 a review of records, that the provider lacked health and safety orientation training.

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: 10/18/2017

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