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Findings Report

Date: 4/16/2018 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 12:10 PM

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based on consultant's observation that a hazard existed in that the bookshelf in the play room was not secure to the wall. The bookshelf observed to be stored with heavy items such as books, radio player and was wobbly and could be pulled or tipped over.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will secure the bookshelf to the wall or floor.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2018

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(a) requires that the Home shall provide either a safety approved crib or other equipment that is approved for infant sleep for each infant (any child under the age of twelve (12) months or any child who is under eighteen (18) months of age who is not walking), who cannot climb out of the crib or other approved equipment. Each crib shall be safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards; any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a portable crib, playpen, play yard or bassinet, shall be in compliance with current ASTM Standard Consumer Safety Specifications for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs/Play Yards. It was determined based on consultant's observation that two (2) cribs present on this date were non compliant with current CPSC and ASTM Standards. One (1) crib had a manufacture date of 1993 and the second crib had a manufacture date of January 2011.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will remove any non compliant cribs and provide a safety approved crib or other equipment that is approved and in compliance with the CPSC and ASTM standards. The provider had one play yard that met the ASTM standards.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2018

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) Consultant observed three (3) working smoke/fire alarms on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2018

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. It was determined based on consultant's observation that a hazard existed in that the kitchen cabinet doors and drawers did not have child safety locks and contained cleaning supplies and knives accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To provider will install child safety locks on all doors and drawers to prevent children from accessing them.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2018

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 consultant's observation that hazards existed on the playground in that there was a plastic trash bag, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp corners on the drain gutter.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will spray paint the tree roots, remove the plastic trash bag and add a gutter guard to the drain gutter.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2018

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Please be mindful that all gaps in the fencing must be less than three and a half (3-1/2) inches.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper hand washing procedures.

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

Met

Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(d) prohibits Personnel from dispensing prescription or nonprescription medications to a Child without specific written authorization from the Child's physician or Parent. All medications shall be stored as authorized by Georgia law or in accordance with the prescription or label instructions and kept in places that are inaccessible to children. Each dose of medication given to a Child shall be documented showing the Child's name, name of medication, date and time given, and the name of the person giving the medication. It was determined based on consultant's review of medical file that the form was out dated as it was dated in June of 2015. Consultant also observed the medication on site with no prescription label.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain written authorization from the doctor and keep the medicine in the original container.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2018

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.04 (1)(a) prohibits the operation of a Family Child Care Learning Home without a valid license. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the provider is operating without a license, caring for four (4) children for pay.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider has completed a change of location application.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2018

Safety and Discipline

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

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date for two dogs, kept in kennels in the garage during operation hours.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Discipline was discussed with provider on this date.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Provider is offering transportation for field trips only. Vehicle was not on site this date. Provider has completed the transportation training.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

Met

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed ratios with provider on this date.