



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/4/2021    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:30 AM    **Departure:** 10:00 AM

**FR-52580**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/04/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/04/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/29/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	2	3	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	2	4	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	3				

  

Children Present: 3	Total Children: 7
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

**Comments**

The purpose of the visit is a monitoring visit and a complaint investigation visit. All background checks were reviewed and previous citations were followed up on during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/03/2021

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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### 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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Technical Assistance**

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.

The consultant observed the rest cots to be stored in the corner of the play room with the bedding on them. The consultant discussed with the provider about storing the cots without sheets on them so they bedding does not touch and covering the cots to prevent access to them by the children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 3**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/29/2021**

**Corrected on 8/4/2021**

.08(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The children were not enrolled during the month of July. The children have returned and the provider stated that a handbook will be provided to both parents.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

**Comment**

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

**Technical Assistance**

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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.

The consultant observed five bolts on the fence inside the play area that were more than two threads in length. The consultant discussed with the provider about turning the bolts around or cutting them back.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined based on observation that the changing pad on the changing table had three tears in it preventing the changing pad from being nonporous.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the control of disease transmission, the Home Provider will change diapers in the child's crib or a nonporous surface. The diapering surface will be cleaned and disinfected between use with a single use disposable towel.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021**

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

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2021**

**Corrected on 8/4/2021**

**.11(1)(n) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The provider had proof of vaccination records for the pet in the home.**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**Staff Records**

**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.