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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/09/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/28/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/15/2016	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)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	4	5	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	4				

Children Present: 4

Total Children: 5

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

Criminal records observed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/09/2017

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.

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- 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.

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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)

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Catherine Hester, Program Official

Date

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Alison Benson, 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-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

### Children's Records

**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Outside Area Clean, Well Maintained

## Health and Hygiene

### 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

Per provider, no medication is being dispensed at this time.

## Licensure

### 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Provider was observed to be caring four children, all for pay and none related.

**Correction Deadline: 3/9/2017**

## Safety and Discipline

### 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

### 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

No transportation.

## Staff Records

### 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Not Met

#### Finding

290-2-3-.21(1)(e) requires every Employee hired before January 1, 2014 must have either a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination or a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file. If the Employee has only a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check, the Employee must obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017. It was determined based on review of files, that the providers spouse did not have verification of a current fingerprint letter on file.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that every employee has a Satisfactory Determination as required by the Rules. Provider stated that husband will get fingerprint ran on 3/9/17 and will not be present at the time children are present, until fingerprint has been received.

1-day letter provided on March 9, 2017.

**Correction Deadline: 3/10/2017**

### 290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)

Met

#### Comment

No Independent contractors

### 290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)

Met

#### Comment

No additional staff

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**290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No Students-in-training

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Volunteers

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision