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Compliance Zone Designation		
03/20/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/09/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/04/2016	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 the 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)	0	0	0	1	0
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	1	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	8	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				

Children Present: 3

Total Children: 10


Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/20/2017

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).

	<p>Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before January 1, 2017. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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)

Tracy Geter, Program Official

Date

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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

Not caring for infants

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

290-2-3-.11 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(b) 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. The Home did not have such evidence for 2 of 8 enrolled Children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2017

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

Met

Comment

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

Facility

290-2-3-.08 Physical Plant - Safe Environment**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(8) requires the Home to conduct drills for fire monthly and for tornado and other emergency situations every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation in the Home of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that there was no documentation of a fire drill being conducted for the month of February 2017.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2017

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

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

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

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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. A potential hazard existed in that, it was determined based off the consultant's observations that the swing chains were rusting, the AC unit is accessible, a wheel barrow and rolled up fencing were behind the tool shed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the health and safety of children, the Home Provider will replace, remove or repair the listed items.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2017**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(b) requires that non-portable climbing and swinging equipment has a resilient surface beneath the equipment and fall zone from such equipment which is adequately maintained. It was determined, based on consultants observation, that the fall zone for the swings and slide were observed to not be adequate in that approximately 3 inches of resilient surfacing was measured on this date. It was further determined, that several areas of weeds had grown through the resilient surfacing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure that the equipment has an adequately protected fall zone, the home provider will add resilient surfacing to maintain the required six inches of resilient surfacing and remove the weeds growing within the resilient surfacing.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2017**Recited on 3/20/2017**

Health and Hygiene

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

The provider stated that medication is not dispensed at this time.

Licensure

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

Comment

The provider cared for 3 unrelated children for pay on the day of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2017

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

No Animals Kept

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

Comment

Pleasant Interactions Observed

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

Comment

No transportation.

Staff Records

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

Comment

No new hires

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

290-2-3-.08 Staff Training **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.08(6) requires that documentation of training include the following: 1) title of training, 2) date of training, 3) number of clock hours obtained and 4) name(s) of trainers/sponsoring organizations. It was determined based on review of records that the provider had 6 hours of annual training for 2016.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that complete training information is on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2017

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

Comment

No Students-in-training

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

Comment

No Volunteers

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-Adequate Supervision