



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 4/5/2017      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 8:50 AM      **Departure:** 10:30 AM

**FR-9900107251**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
04/05/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/08/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/26/2016	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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	4	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	5	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	6	8	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	6				

Children Present: 6

Total Children: 11

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3


Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4

**Comments**

Consultant left a one day letter.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/05/2017

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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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](mailto: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.

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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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Patricia Lonnon, Program Official

Date

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Kati Cosby, Consultant

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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-.09 Activities**

**Met**

**Comment**

290-2-3-.09(7) - Reminder that use of media such as television should not exceed two hours per day.

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2017**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.19(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats shall be of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child. Mats must be in good repair, washable, covered with waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick.

It was determined that provider had three mats with rips and holes with exposed foam.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will repair or replace damaged mats.

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

### Children's Records

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

### Facility

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

**Comment**

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

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

**Comment**

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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**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 observation that the following hazards were present:

- grill was uncovered
- water hose was accessible
- mildew was present on the climbing structure/slide
- rubbermaid with trash
- rusted bucket of paint
- A.C. unit to home was accessible to children by not being fully enclosed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the health and safety of children, the Home Provider will remove, repair or replace all hazards in play area.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2017**

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<b>Licensure</b>
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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

290-2-3-.04(1)(a) - Consultant observed six children for pay present on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2017**

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<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

**Comment**

No transportation.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(a) requires the Home to ensure that the Provider, every actual and potential Employee and Provisional Employee has a Satisfactory Records Check Determination before the individual is present at the Home while any child is present at the Home. It was determined based on review of records that the provider's mother did not obtain a local background check or complete the fingerprinting process before being present at the home.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will obtain the required satisfactory records check determination(s). The Home will ensure that the Provider, every actual and potential Employee and Provisional Employee has a Satisfactory Records Check Determination. The Provider, Employees, and Provisional Employees MUST have a Satisfactory Records Check Determination to reside in and be at the Home when a child is present for care.

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2017**

**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 records that the provider's spouse did not complete the fingerprinting process before January 1, 2017.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that every employee has a Satisfactory Determination as required by the Rules.

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2017**

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**290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No Independent contractors

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**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