



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/3/2017      **VisitType:** Licensing Study      **Arrival:** 9:25 AM      **Departure:** 11:30 AM

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/03/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/10/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/04/2016	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 rules.

**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Ratios/License Capacity**

<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>Children Present</b>	<b>Child For Pay</b>	<b>CAPS</b>	<b>Not for Pay</b>	<b>Provider Children</b>
Infant (0-11 mos)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	5	5	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	5				

Children Present: 5

Total Children: 5

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

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**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was a license visit. This is the second visit of the fiscal year.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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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- 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

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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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Betty Dye, Program Official

Date

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Beth Houtz, 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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

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

**Met**

**Technical Assistance**

Provider will ensure pack and play sheets are tight fitting.

**Correction Deadline: 5/3/2017**

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1)(i) requires the Home to maintain the name of person(s) to whom the Child may be released in each Child's record. Such information shall contain the authorized person's address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent, and other identifying information. It was determined that none of the five children's records reviewed contained all the required information for persons authorized to pick up the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will review records; determine if all required information is completed; obtain any missing information; and have a plan to maintain complete records/forms for each Child as they enroll or as changes occur.

**Correction Deadline: 5/17/2017**

**Recited on 5/3/2017**

## Facility

### 290-2-3-.08 Physical Plant - Safe Environment

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Provider will record monthly fire drills as required.

**Correction Deadline: 6/2/2017**

### 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)

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as rust and splinters on equipment and stagnant water. Provider will ensure there is no standing water on the playground or in toys. Provider will monitor equipment for hazards such as splinters, chipping paint, and loose tape and repair or replace as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/13/2017**

## Food Service

### 290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Provider will ensure all bottles are labeled for each infant.

**Correction Deadline: 5/3/2017**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(1)(g) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a non porous surface. Provider will ensure diaper changing surface is non porous.

**Correction Deadline: 5/3/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Provider stated that no medications are currently dispensed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/3/2017**

## Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

Provider has a current 2017 license and was providing care for five children.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2017

## Safety and Discipline

### 290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

#### Comment

No Animals Kept

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

Met

#### Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

### 290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

Provider will add a thermometer to the first aid kit.

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

Met

#### Comment

No transportation.

## Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

### 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-.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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs