



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 6/8/2017      **VisitType:** Licensing Study      **Arrival:** 12:05 PM      **Departure:** 1:40 PM

**FR-17248**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/08/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/01/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/02/2016	Monitoring Visit	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	0	0	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>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	0				

Children Present: 0

Total Children: 0

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 6

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**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up on the previous visit from November 1, 2016.

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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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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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.

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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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Brenda Burns, Program Official

Date

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Alva Huff, 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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.12(4)(a)-(f) requires that all equipment in the Home be: a) used in a safe and appropriate manner; b) used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; c) free from hazardous conditions; d) kept clean; e) placed to permit free movement; f) secured to prevent tipping or falling. It was determined, based on an observation that there was an unsecured television located on a shelf in the children's playroom on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure the safety of equipment by securing the television to the wall or shelf in the children's playroom.

**Correction Deadline: 6/8/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No enrolled children in cribs

**Comment**

290-2-3-.19(1)(a) - Consultant observed correct number of mats for enrolled children on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 6/18/2017**

**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**

**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)** **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 an observation that there were discarded metal framing pieces and wooden foundation framing located beside the storage shed on the children's outside play area. It was further determined, that there was an uncoiled water hose hanging from the fence on the left side of the children's outside play area.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the health and safety of children, the home provider will ensure the children's outside play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 6/12/2017**

**Recited on 6/8/2017**

**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

290-2-3-.04(1)(b) - Consultant observed current 2017 license posted on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2017**

**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

**Comment**

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

**Comment**

No Routine Transportation Provided

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Provider stated no new hires.

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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**

Other direct contact staff- Satisfactory records check

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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

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

**Comment**

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs