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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/02/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/24/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/08/2016	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)	2	3	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>	5	7	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	5				

Children Present: 5

Total Children: 7


Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/02/2017

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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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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Sherry Harrigan, Program Official

Date

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Dianne Clarke, 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**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS.

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

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

### 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 observation that a board on the deck was observed to be rotting and splintering and a nail head was also exposed and was accessible on the outside play area.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards. The provider had someone come out and is waiting on an estimate but will block area off until it is repaired and will ensure that the children do not play on the deck area.

**Correction Deadline: 8/31/2017**

**Health and Hygiene**


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

**Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

**Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

**Comment**

The provider stated that medication is not dispensed.

**Licensure**


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

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children

**Safety and Discipline**


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

**Comment**

Pleasant Interactions Observed

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**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**

Criminal Records Check complete

**Comment**

No new hires

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

**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-Adequate Supervision