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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
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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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Vanessa Porter, Program Official

Date

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Melyn Smith, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

**Date:** 10/11/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 8:55 AM

**Departure:** 10:10 AM

**FR-38954**

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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**

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Consultant discussed with the provider updating the Home's written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home and the procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/21/2017**

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Outside Area Clean, Well Maintained

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Observed-Proper Handwashing

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

**Comment**

Observed-Proper Diapering

**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**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - The provider was observed to provide care for five children for pay on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/11/2017**

**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

**Comment**

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

**Comment**

No Routine Transportation Provided

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

**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-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs