

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 7/18/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:05 AM Departure: 11:00 AM

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Quality Rated: No

| | | 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 | | | |
|------------|------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| 07/18/2023 | Monitoring Visit | | standing, support, | , , | |
| 01/31/2023 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | Good Standing - | Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. | |
| 07/11/2022 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | 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. | |

| Ratio 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 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 3 & 4 Years | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| School Age(5+) Years | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Total Under 13 Years | 6 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Total Under 18 Years | 6 | | | - | | | | |

Children Present: 6 Total Children: 9

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

Comments

An in person Monitoring Visit was conducted on this day. The provider stated there has been no change to the household members. The provider stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided.

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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Please refer to the website, http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

| 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 |
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| 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. |

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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.

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)





Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

| Vicki Jeffords, Program Official | Date | Connie Boatright, Regional Consultant | Date |
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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

| | Activities and Equipment |
|---|--------------------------|
| | |
| 290-2-312 Equipment and Supplies(CR) | Met |
| Comment | |
| A variety of equipment and toys were observed. | |
| 290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR) | Met |
| Comment | |
| Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. | |
| 290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) | Met |
| Comment | |
| Home does not provide swimming activities. | |
| Comment | |
| There is no pool on the property | |
| | Children's Records |

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290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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 No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. 290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR) Met Comment The Home appears clean and free from hazards. 290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR) Met Comment Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute. **Health and Hygiene** 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR) Met Comment Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands. 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met Comment Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.

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