



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/10/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 11:55 AM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
01/10/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/16/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/01/2016	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	1	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	5	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				

Children Present: 1

Total Children: 6

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1


Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0

Comments

The provider stated that no new staff has been hired since the last visit and no new residents reside at the home on this date. A one day letter was left on this date. The provider has completed and obtained the health and safety orientation training.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/10/2017

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).

	<p>Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before January 1, 2017. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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.

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.

- 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.

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)

Na Reema Hicks, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

N/A

Comment

Not caring for infants

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

N/A

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2016

Corrected on 1/10/2017

It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the children are not enrolled on this date.

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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 the consultant's observation that a potential hazard existed in that:

* A pink bicycle located on the front side of the play area has tear located on the left middle section of the seat accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the health and safety of children, the home provider will repair the seat or remove the bicycle.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2017

Recited on 1/10/2017

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) requires that fencing material not present a hazard to children and be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the area. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that fencing was hazardous to children due to the horizontal fence bar located on the right side of the fence is not attached.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safety of fencing, the home provider will re attach the fence bar.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2017

Recited on 1/10/2017

Licensure

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

Comment

It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the provider met registration requirements on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2017

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

Pleasant Interactions Observed

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

No transportation.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

No new hires

Finding

290-2-3-.21(1)(e) requires every Employee hired before January 1, 2014 must have either a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination or a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file. If the Employee has only a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check, the Employee must obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that three staff members not present did not obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017 on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that every employee has a Satisfactory Determination as required by the Rules.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2017

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**

Other direct contact staff- Satisfactory records check

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Health/Safety training completed

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

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

Observed-Adequate Supervision