



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/26/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
01/26/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/27/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/04/2016	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 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)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	3	2	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	1	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	7	3	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4				

Children Present: 4

Total Children: 7

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2


Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

A Licensing Study was conducted on this date. Provider stated that there have been no changes in the household and no new hires since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/26/2017

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)

Donna Head, Program Official

Date

Rena Keene, 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/Infant Sleeping Position

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(1)(i)

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(1)(i)

Child # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(1)(i)

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Observed-Records Complete/Well Organized

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1)(i) - Please be sure that all required information is on file for any person listed in children's records to whom they can be released. This required information includes addresses and relationships of all persons authorized to pick up a child.

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Correction Deadline: 1/26/2017

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****Defer**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a)- Extensive storms were in the area on January 22, 2016, and the ground is too wet to mow at the current time. Provider will ensure that the grass is cut and the outdoor play area maintained safely.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the health and safety of children, the home provider will maintain the grass in the playground area..

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2016**Finding**

It was determined based on consultant's observation that the fence was not secure in all areas. Two sections of the fence closest to the house were not anchored to the ground and were loose enough a child could crawl underneath or possibly become entrapped.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The fence will be safely anchored so that it does not pose a hazard to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2017**Recited on 1/26/2017**

Licensure

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

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - Provider caring for six or fewer unrelated children for care. 2017 License observed to be posted.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2017

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 First Aid Kit**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) - Observed complete first aid kit. Please replace expired antibacterial ointment.

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

No transportation.

Staff Records**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Not Met****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 a review of staff records that one adult living in the home had not obtained a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check through Bright from the Start by January 1, 2017. A one-day letter was left with provider.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that every employee has a Satisfactory Determination as required by the Rules. The results will be faxed to consultant.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2017**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**

No additional staff

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

Comment

Appropriate Ratios Observed