



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

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 12/4/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:40 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-15166

Myra Carson DBA Mommy's Cottage

470 Jefferson Highway Winder, GA 30680 Barrow County
(770) 867-8599 sandib1949@gmail.com

Regional Consultant

Stacy Whitten

Phone: (770) 405-7920

Fax: (404) 478-8021

stacy.whitten@dec.al.gov

Mailing Address

Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
12/04/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/12/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/08/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A Front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B Back	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	C	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	195	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up on previous rule violations.

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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 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@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Sandi Barnett, Program Official

Date

Stacy Whitten, Consultant

Date



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Findings Report

Date: 12/4/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:40 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-15166

Myra Carson DBA Mommy's Cottage

470 Jefferson Highway Winder, GA 30680 Barrow County
(770) 867-8599 sandib1949@gmail.com

Mailing Address
Same

Regional Consultant

Stacy Whitten
Phone: (770) 405-7920
Fax: (404) 478-8021
stacy.whitten@decal.ga.gov

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Met**

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor the cabinet safety lock in the boys bathroom where it is not latching and be mindful to keep hazards stored inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2018

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the area of fencing between the right front fencing and building where a gap is present, to ensure the gap remains less than three and a half inches wide.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2018

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to remove leaves that have recently fallen on the playground near the fencing; to ensure the fencing remains at least four feet high throughout the playground.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2018

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with provider to remove the tree limbs that were observed to be present on the playground following the recent storm before allowing the children to play on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2018

Health and Hygiene
591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)
Technical Assistance
Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the diaper pad in the infant classroom, where cracks are beginning to develop.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2018

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)
Met
Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)
Met
Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety
591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)
Met
Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)
Met
Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment
591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)
Met
Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2018

Corrected on 12/4/2018

.30(2) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed all infants to sleep in approved cribs and staff stated infant safe sleep rules and practices on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) - Consultant discussed with provider new rule change beginning October 1, 2018. Consultant discussed with provider to ensure all employees who have the DHR criminal records check letter to complete the fingerprint application process and to receive their final satisfactory determination letter by December 31, 2018.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2018

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.