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| Date: | 8/28/2019 | VisitType: | Monitoring Visit |  |
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Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 10:15 AM

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|            |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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 |         |  |  |  |
|------------|------------------|---------------|--|---------|--|--|--|
| 08/28/2019 | Monitoring Visit |               | standing, support, and deficient.  |         |  |  |  |
| 01/10/2019 | Licensing Study  | Good Standing | Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meet the rules.   | ting    |  |  |  |
| 08/17/2018 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in me<br>rules.  | eeting  |  |  |  |
|            |                  |               | 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                           | 2                           | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                           | 1                           | 1             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years                  | 0                           | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years                  | 3                           | 3             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years                  | 3                           |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 3 Total Children: 3 |                             |               |      |             |                   |
| Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1         | Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 |               |      |             |                   |

#### **Comments**

#### Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/28/2019

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, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u> , for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,   |
|-----|--|
|     | <ul> <li>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</li> <li>New clearance is required at least once every five years</li> </ul>  |
| 100 | <ul> <li>New clearance is required at least once every five years</li> <li>Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance</li> <li>All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check</li> <li>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</li> <li>Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee</li> </ul> |
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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)





#### **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: <u>https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</u> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <u>qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</u>

Carolyn Marks, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

Date

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|---|-----------|
| Date:                  | 8/28/2019                      | VisitType: Monitoring Visit  | -              | 9:00 AM      | Departure:  | 10:15 AM  |
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| Same                   | Address                        | mation is associated with a Monitor  | ina Visit:     |              |   |           |
|                        | ine ming inter                 |  |                | Activi       | ties and Equ  | ipment    |
|                        |                                |  |                |              |   |           |
| 290-2-3                | 312 Equipm                     | ent and Supplies(CR)   |                |              |   | Met       |
| <b>Comm</b><br>A varie |                                | nt and toys were observed.   |                |              |   |           |
| 290-2-3                | 319 Infant-S                   | leeping Safety Requirements(CR)  |                |              | Technical A   | ssistance |
| 290-2-3                |                                | <b>ce</b><br>sed with the provider about purchasin<br>ave one inch mats.   | g mats that ar | e non- por   | ous and two inches  | thick.    |
| Comm<br>Curren         |                                | er is not caring for infants. The one cril   | o in the home  | meets curi   | ent safety requirer   | ments.    |
| 290-2-3                | 307 Swimm                      | ing Pools & Water-related Activities   | (CR)           |              |   | N/A       |
| <b>Comm</b><br>Home    |                                | ide swimming activities.   |                |              |   |           |
|                        |                                |  |                |              |   | Facility  |
|                        |                                |  |                |              |   |           |
| 290-2-3                | 311 Physica                    | I Plant - Safe Environment(CR)   |                |              |   | Met       |
| <b>Comm</b><br>Operat  |                                | ector and fire extinguisher was observ   | ved as require | d in the ho  | me this date.   |           |
| 290-2-3                | 313 Physica                    | I Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)  |                |              |   | Met       |
| Comm                   | ent                            |  |                |              |   |           |
| The Ho                 | ome appears                    | clean and free from hazards.   |                |              |   |           |
| 290-2-3                | 313 Playgro                    | unds(CR)   |                |              | Technical A   | ssistance |
| level of               | that encroach<br>risk. The pro | es onto the site from adjacent propert<br>ovider is not currently using the back y<br>The provider will have to contact som  | ard for play d | ue to the ha | anging tree branch  | es from   |

#### **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Comment

Comment

Comment

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

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please use extend the lattice or ply wood to cover the small opening to the crawl space under the home before the children use the backyard.

# The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures. 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed Licensure 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. There were three children for pay present. Safety and Discipline

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

# Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

# Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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

# Correction Deadline: 1/11/2019

# Corrected on 8/28/2019

.21(1)(b) - The previous citation has been corrected. Criminal record checks were complete on this date.

**Staff Records** 

Met

Met

N/A

Met

Met

N/A

**Health and Hygiene** 

Met

#### 290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

### Finding

290-2-3-.07(5) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. This training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. It was determined based on a review of records and discussion that the provider did not have evidence of current CPR and first aid training available.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required CPR and first aid training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if cards are found.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019

# Recited on 8/28/2019

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR) Comment Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019

### Corrected on 8/28/2019

.07(6) - The previous citation has been corrected. Observed documentation that the provider has completed the required ten hours of training for the year 2019.

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

| 290-2-307   | Staff:Child | Ratios    | (CR) |
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#### Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Met

Met

Met

Met