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Date: 1/6/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
01/06/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/11/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/12/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	0	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0		Total Children: 5			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1			

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 6, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 7, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed.

Consultant discussed new rules that went into effect October 1, 2020. Resources were emailed to provider after the virtual visit.

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/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 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

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Date

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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-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Age appropriate activities were discussed.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2021

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

A variety of equipment was observed during the virtual walk through. Cleaning and disinfecting of equipment was discussed.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Safe sleep requirements and cleaning and disinfecting of mat/cots was discussed.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2021

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed keeping hazardous items out of reach of children.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Outside area appeared to be clean and maintained. Cleaning and disinfecting out outside toys and safety hazards were discussed.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2021

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

New requirements for feeding chairs was discussed with the Provider during the virtual visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children were present at the time of the visit. Handwashing requirements were discussed.

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Diapering requirements were discussed.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children were present at the time of the visit. Licensing requirements were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2021

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

New required reporting requirements were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2021

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children were present at the time of the visit. Discipline was not directly observed. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed.

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

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that your first aid and CPR is a hands on version and not an online version.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2021

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children were present at the time of the visit. Ratio requirements were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2021

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be fully evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children were present at the time of the visit. Supervision requirements were discussed and new rule requirements for meal times and supervision were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2021