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Date: 11/12/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:30 PM

Departure: 2:00 PM

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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.
11/12/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/03/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/10/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	3	0	2	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	8	0	4	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 12 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3					

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 12, 2020. Staff files, trainings, criminal record checks, and children files were all reviewed. A virtual visit was completed on November 12, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed during the virtual walk through.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/12/2020

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

Debra Hand, Program Official

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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2020

Corrected on 11/12/2020
.12(5) - Citation corrected.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. No children were present during the visit.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Finding

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of records that following information was missing:

- two of 10 children were missing information for release person(s)
- one of 10 were missing if the child had any allergies or special needs

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2020

Recited on 11/12/2020

Technical Assistance

An updated copy of the no compensation form was emailed to the provider.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2020

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all immunizations are current.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2020

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2020

Comment

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

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

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

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)

Defer

Defer

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is being deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person. No children were present at the time of the virtual visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will remove any unnecessary hazards and will ensure that access to stoves, fire places, etc. is inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2020

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

No immediate safety hazards were observed on the playground during the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2020

Food Service

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

The new infant feeding plan and infant feeding chair requirements were discussed with the provider during the virtual walk through. A copy of the new infant feeding plan was emailed to the provider.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is being deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person as no children were present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure proper hygiene, all children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2020

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Handwashing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed during the virtual walk through.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on sign in and out sheets the provider as caring for more than six unrelated children November 1, 2020 through November 6, 2020 in that eight unrelated children were present six for pay and two for no pay.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. The Family Child Care Learning Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children, related or unrelated, for pay.

Safety and Discipline

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the walk through as no children were present. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed with the Provider. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Not Evaluated

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 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed with the provider. 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)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(15) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval approved by the Department. It was determined based on a review of sign in and out sheets that the provider was caring for more than six unrelated children November 1, 2020 through November 6, 2020 in that eight unrelated children were present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2020

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Consultant discussed new rule requirement supervision during meal times with the provider.