



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/23/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:35 AM

Departure: 12:00 PM

FR-000007980

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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. |
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| 05/23/2018 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 10/12/2017 | Licensing Study | Support | |
| 05/05/2017 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
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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 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 & 4 Years | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 7 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 7 | | | | |
| Children Present: 7 Total Children: 10 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 | | | | | |

Comments

The consultant and provider discussed requirements for a hired helper, infant safe sleep, and proper handwashing procedures.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/23/2018

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).



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.

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.al.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://dec.al.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

Sandra Dawson, Program Official

Date

Valarie Musselwhite, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(10) - Ensure video games are not related to violence and include guns or projectiles.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2018

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.19(2) requires that a Family Child Care Learning Home shall provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants and one-year-old children when placed for sleep in a safety approved crib or in any other type of equipment approved for infant sleep. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on an observation that three infants were resting in playpens with toys inside.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that safe sleep requirements for infants are followed as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2018

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

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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| Child # 1 | Met |
| Child # 2 | Met |
| Child # 3 | Met |
| Child # 4 | Met |
| Child # 5 | Met |
| Child # 6 | Met |
| Child # 7 | Met |

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/12/2017****Corrected on 5/23/2018****.08(11) - Correction of previous citation in that consultant observed all children to have signed liability acknowledgement on file.****Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detector and fire extinguisher were observed as required in the home this date.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 10/22/2017****Corrected on 5/23/2018****.13(2)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that consultant observed the dome climber removed from the playground.**

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on an observation that the wire fence surrounding the playground was not four feet high on two sides and the wooden fence on the back side was observed to be leaning and not secure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2018

Health and Hygiene**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) requires children's hands to be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on a observation that two children's hands were not washed following having their diaper changed.

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: 5/23/2018

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined based on an observation that the diaper changing surface was not cleaned after use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the control of disease transmission, the Home Provider will change diapers in the child's crib or a nonporous surface. The diapering surface will be cleaned and disinfected between use with a single use disposable towel.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2018

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Provider stated medication is not being given at this time and all medicine needed is given by the parents before and after care.

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/13/2017****Corrected on 5/23/2018****.04(1)(d) - Correction of previous citation in that consultant observed Provider to care for six unrelated children for pay and one related child not for pay.**

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| Safety and Discipline |
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290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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| Staff Records |
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290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision |
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290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/13/2017****Corrected on 5/23/2018****.07(11) - Correction of previous citation in that Provider was observed to care for six unrelated children for pay on this date.**

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.