



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/31/2018 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 4:00 PM

Departure: 5:20 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Table with 3 columns: Date, Visit Type, and Compliance Zone Designation. Includes a summary of Compliance Zone Designation and definitions for Good Standing, Support, and Deficient.

Ratios/License Capacity

Table with columns: Age Ranges, Children Present, Child For Pay, CAPS, Not for Pay, Provider Children. Includes summary rows for Total Under 13 Years and Total Under 18 Years, and text for Children Present, Total Children, Caregivers/Helpers Present, and Total Caregivers/Helpers.

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/31/2018

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.

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**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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Brenda Harris, Program Official

Date

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Patty Malone, 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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Not Met****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 the provider had one child with no enrollment record.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 6/4/2018****Correction Deadline: 12/15/2017****Corrected on 5/31/2018****.08(12) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

<b>Facility</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 observation that one of the wooden panels on the playground gate was not attached at the top and had exposed screws.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will repair the playground gate.

**Correction Deadline: 6/14/2018**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Correction Deadline: 12/15/2017****Corrected on 5/31/2018****.10(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The home does not currently have infants enrolled.**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The provider stated proper hand washing practices.

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

**Comment**

The provider does not currently have children enrolled that require diapering.

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

The provider stated that she does not currently administer medications.

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**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

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**290-2-3-.05 Inspections & Investigations** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/15/2017**

**Corrected on 5/31/2018**

**.05(c) -**

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**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Animals** **Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based on the provider's statement that the pet vaccination records for the dog were not available on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

**Correction Deadline: 6/14/2018**

**Recited on 5/31/2018**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**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****Correction Deadline: 12/15/2017****Corrected on 5/31/2018****.21(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.****Correction Deadline: 12/19/2017****Corrected on 5/31/2018****.21(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR****Met****Comment**Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 12/15/2017****Corrected on 5/31/2018****.07(23) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Not Met****Comment**

The consultant observed the required health and safety training for the provider.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(6) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee, current evidence of successful completion of ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is related to the care of children and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department approved source annually. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training programs shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records that the provider completed four hours of training for 2017 when ten hours were required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will obtain the required annual training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018****Recited on 5/31/2018**

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

290-2-3-.07(13) - The consultant discussed proper supervision with the provider.