



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/26/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 4:45 PM **Departure:** 6:10 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/08/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	6	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0	Total Children: 8
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on January 26, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

The Provider is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has not kept children for care since March 2020.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/26/2021

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/Regulations.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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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

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety when the Provider reopens. The Provider stated that there is new equipment and materials that will be ordered through the quality rated program.

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

N/A

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Defer

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290-2-3-.08(2)-This rule will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit when the Provider has children enrolled in the Home. The Home is currently closed for renovations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The consultant and the Provider discussed that children must have their immunization record submitted to the Provider within thirty (30) days of enrollment and must submit a new immunization record within thirty (30) days of the child's expired immunization record.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child. The Consultant discussed with the Provider about obtaining a doctor's note from the parent of the child with an expired immunization form if the child is unable to receive immunizations due to an illness and to ensure that all school-age children have immunization records maintained on file for the duration of their enrollment in the home regardless of attendance.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2020

Facility

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The consultant and the Provider discussed the safe storage of hazardous items. Please ensure that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children at all times.

Comment

290-2-3-.11(2)(g) - The consultant and the Provider discussed firearm safety. The Provider does not currently have a firearm in the Home. If present in the home firearms should be unloaded, equipped with child protective devices, and kept under lock and key in areas inaccessible to children. This includes pellet or BB guns. Ammunition shall be stored in locked storage, separate from the firearms and inaccessible to children. Parents of children in care should be informed about the home's policy regarding firearms.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2021

Comment

The consultant and the Provider discussed ensuring that there is an operable smoke detector(s) and an appropriate sized fire extinguisher in the Home. This rule requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The consultant and the Provider discussed the maintenance and cleanliness of the Home. The space occupied by the children shall be clean, free of clutter and debris. Check the storage of garbage and waste to ensure that these items are in a closed and covered container. Check the kitchen and the bathroom to ensure that these areas are clean, free of odors and sanitized. Carpet should be odor and stain free. Children should be housed in open and well-ventilated areas from which quick evacuation can be made in case of fire or emergency evacuation. Vacuum cleaners, exercise equipment, curling irons, hair dryers, brooms, mops, etc. should be stored inaccessible to children.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual visit was completed due to COVID-19. The playground was not viewed due to the Home undergoing renovations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The consultant discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are present for care.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date. The Provider stated proper handwashing procedures during the virtual inspection.

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures during the virtual inspection.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. There were no children enrolled in the program on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Safety and Discipline

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The consultant discussed current criminal background check regulations with the Provider during the virtual inspection.

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

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual inspection on this date. The consultant also discussed being in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Appropriate staff:child ratios were discussed during the virtual inspection.

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Regulations regarding supervision was discussed with the Provider during the virtual inspection. The Home will ensure that either the Provider or at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination supervises the children at all times as required by the rules. The Home will develop or update a plan to obtain additional Staff help in case of an emergency.