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Date: 11/9/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
11/09/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/06/2019	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	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	4	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6		Total Children: 6			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1			

Comments

An Administrative Review was on conducted on November 9, 2020. Staff files, trainings, criminal record checks, and children's files were all reviewed. A virtual visit was completed on November 9, 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.

A copy of the new infant feeding plan was emailed ot the provider and new rules were discussed.

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.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

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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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

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

Defer

Defer

A virtual visit was completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that each crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep has a tight-fitting sheet that is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2020

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(12) requires that documentation for the care of related children in the Home, other than the Providers own children, include a notarized statement of family relationships by the Parent(s). It was determined based on a review of records that one notarized statement did not have the relationship listed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2020

Facility

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

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

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

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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure limbs are removed from the playground and toys are cleaned.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2020

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

A copy of the new infant feeding plan was emailed to the provider and new rules were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the provider during the virtual walk through on this date.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the virtual inspection. Handwashing and sanitizing requirements regarding diapering were discussed.

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 Evaluated

Comment

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

Based on sign in and out sheets the providers caring for six children for pay and one for no pay.

Safety and Discipline

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the virtual inspection. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed with the Provider during the virtual inspection.

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

Consultant discussed that first aid and CPR training must be hands on and not an online version.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2020

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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 records that one enrolled child for no pay does not have a relationship status listed on the notarized no compensation form.

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: 11/19/2020

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Regulations regarding supervision and new rule requirements were discussed during the virtual walk through.