



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/13/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 10:45 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<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.
08/13/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/15/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/08/2017	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0 Total Children: 0
 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The provider does not transport children and does not dispense any medication.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/13/2018

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

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2018

Corrected on 8/13/2018

.11(2)(c) - This citation was observed to be completed on this date. Fire and Safety drills were observed to be complete and update.

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that pet food and water were accessible to children on the floor in the office/sleeping room area next to the kitchen.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2018

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - The consultant observed one section of skirting to be pulled away at the top from the side of the home. The provider stated that they had the piece to fix the skirting and would obtain the rivets to secure the skirting back in place. The skirting still blocked the underside of the home and it was not accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Per the provider's statement no medication is currently dispensed.

Licensure

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

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

Safety and Discipline

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 observation that a cat and two dogs were roaming free in the house and not confined as required.

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: 8/13/2018

Recited on 8/13/2018

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The consultant discussed the upcoming new record check rules with the Provider and informed the provider that they would need to be fingerprinted and receive a satisfactory comprehensive background check letter before October 1, 2018. Additionally, the consultant discussed with the provider about any children living in the home turning 17 years of age needing to be fingerprinted in order to receive a satisfactory comprehensive record check letter.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.07(5) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and for any Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. The Provider shall attend ten clock hours of diverse training which is related to care of children and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department approved source annually. Records of completion of such training programs shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. The annual ten clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: (a) Child Development: including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; (b) Health: including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; (c) Child Abuse and Neglect: including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and (d) Business Related Topics: including parental communication, record keeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two of the required ten clock hours of training. It was determined on this date based upon a review of the employee records that the provider did not have current first aid/CPR as required.

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POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Home will obtain the required CPR, first aid and 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.

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Correction Deadline: 8/31/2018

Recited on 8/13/2018

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(4) requires the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment. Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the training within the first 90 days of employment. The training must address the following health and safety topics:

- (a) prevention and control of infectious diseases
- (b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices
- (c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent
- (d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions
- (e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic
- (f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma
- (g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster, or threatening event such as violence at the facility,
- (h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants
- (i) precautions in transporting children (if applicable).

It was determined based on a review of records and Provider's statement that the provider has not completed the Health and Safety Orientation training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete the required training and will ensure any employees complete the training.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2018

Recited on 8/13/2018

Defer

290-2-3-.07(6)- This citation is deferred due to 2017 annual training already being evaluated. This rule will be reviewed for compliance at the licensing study when the annual training for 2018 will be reviewed.

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: 3/17/2018

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

Met

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.