



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/2/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:40 AM

Departure: 11:50 AM

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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.
12/02/2019	Monitoring Visit	Support	
03/13/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/14/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	7	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				
Children Present: 6 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2					
Total Children: 8 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/16/2019

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://www.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

Shirley Rakestraw, Program Official

Date

LaTanya Barber-Swift, 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-.09 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.09(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. A variety of activities were observed for the children.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.19(1)(b) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The children were provided mats to sleep on.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.19(1)(b)1 - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The torn mats were replaced with new ones.

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: 1

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Infant Feeding Plan - (.10)(4)	

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed four children's files that were complete.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.08(13) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There were not any no pay children in the program.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.08(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed four children's files, they had current immunization records.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.08(9) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed a current sign in sheet.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.11(2)(a) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There was a written plan for handling emergencies.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.11(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed a current documentation of drills.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.11(2)(f) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There were no hazardous materials accessible to the children.

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) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.13(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The children were not playing on the gray rock climbing structure.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.10(4) requires that for the feeding of children under one year old the Home Provider must secure from Parents infant formula and a feeding plan. It was determined based on a review of children's files that child #5 did not have an infant feeding plan on file.

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Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Recited on 12/2/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.04(1)(d) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There were five unrelated for pay children enrolled in the program.

Safety and Discipline

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)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(m) requires written authorization for the Child to receive emergency medical treatment when the Parent is not available, shall be maintained in the vehicle. It was determined based on observation that the provider did not have emergency medical forms in the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Recited on 12/2/2019

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.07(5) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The provider completed the CPR and first aid training on April 20, 2019.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.07(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The provider completed the training.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2019

Corrected on 12/2/2019

.07(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The provider had completed their ten hours of annual training.

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.