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Date: 6/7/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:40 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.
06/07/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/13/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/03/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	5	5	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	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: 3	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

6-7-19 - The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Licensing Study, and to follow-up to the previous Monitoring Visit conducted December 13, 2018.

6-11-19 - A revised copy of the visit report was discussed by phone and emailed to the Provider this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/07/2019

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://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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

290-2-3-.12(7) On this date, Consultant observed equipment, furniture, and toys throughout the Home, to be non - hazardous, fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2019

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats shall be of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child. Mats must be in good repair, washable, covered with waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined, based on Consultant observation, that five (5) of six (6) mats observed were torn in the corner areas.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider stated that the Home will replace mats so they meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2019

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(2) - On this date, Consultant observed one (1) of one (1) crib used for sleeping and resting, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. No children were observed to be present in the crib on this date. Consultant observed six (6) of six (6) children present this date, to use mats for sleeping and resting. Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting equipment is positioned to prevent access to potentially hazardous items. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with Provider.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2019

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

On this date, the Provider stated that the Home does not participate in Swimming activities. Consultant discussed Swimming requirements with the Provider and stated that prior to participating in Swimming activities, in water greater than two (2) feet in depth, the Home is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review Swimming Rules.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(2) - On this date, Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that immunization records are updated as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2019

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant observed complete emergency drills in the Home on this date.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that all cabinet latch locks are secured and operating correctly, and that all hazardous items are stored completely inaccessible to children in the Home. The Provider stated that cabinet latch locks will be monitored to ensure proper operation. The Provider also stated that all hazardous items will be stored on high shelves, completely inaccessible to children in the Home.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2019**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**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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 Consultant observation, that the left - side outdoor play area fence, measured approximately 36 inches in height; less than four (4) feet as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider stated that the Home will add Department - approved fencing to the left - side fence area to measure at a minimum four (4) foot height. The Provider also stated that the Home will inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2019

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**

Consultant observed diapering areas to meet requirements on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(1)(d) - Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that complete documentation is recorded for adverse reactions; including why a medication was not given.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2019

Licensure

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

On this date, Consultant observed the Provider to meet Application Requirements. Six (6) unrelated children for pay were present in the Home during the visit.

Safety and Discipline

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

Consultant observed the Home's discipline policy to meet requirements. Consultant also observed pleasant interactions between the Provider and children in care.

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

The Provider stated that the Home does not currently provide routine Transportation and Field Trips. Consultant discussed with Provider, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant stated to Provider that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Home (Provider and/or Home Employee; if operating the vehicle) is required to maintain on the vehicle; a current driver's license, complete first - aid kit and fire extinguisher, emergency medical forms regarding each child being transported on the vehicle, and appropriate individual child safety restraints (seat belt, car seat, etc.), in accordance with current State and Federal laws. Consultant also stated to the Provider, that the Home is required to ensure that children are directly supervised on the vehicle by Staff at all times, and that all parental agreements regarding Transportation and Field Trips, are completed and maintained on file. Further, Consultant stated to the Provider that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Home is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Transportation and Field Trip Rules.

Staff Records

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

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Comprehensive Gemalto COGENT Criminal Background Check Determination letter, regarding the Provider, Provider's Spouse, and one (1) additional resident of the Home (Provider's son). Consultant also discussed all Gemalto COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with the Provider. The Provider also stated that no other persons (age 17 - years or older) currently reside in the Home, nor work or are present on the Home's premises.

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

On this date, Consultant observed the Provider to meet all qualifications and applicable laws. Consultant also discussed with the Provider that all newly hired Staff (Helpers), are required to complete Helper Orientation, Health and Safety Orientation and CPR - First - Aid Training within 90 days of hire and maintain/keep current as needed, and that the Provider and Helper are required to complete 10 - hours training annually.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Consultant observed the Home to maintain appropriate ratios on this date.

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

290-2-3-.07(14) - Consultant discussed with the Provider to add a gate to the Kitchen entrance area to prevent the potential for children's access. No children were observed to enter the Kitchen area on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2019