



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/15/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/15/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/31/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/05/2020	Licensing Study	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	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0	Total Children: 5
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 20, 2021. Staff files, children files, training and criminal record checks were all reviewed. A virtual visit was conducted on January 25, 2021 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.

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.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

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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-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Age appropriate activities and outside times were discussed.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Cleaning and disinfecting of toys and equipment discussed

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Cleaning and disinfecting of mats were discussed. Safe sleep requirements discussed.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Consultant discussed keeping all hazards inaccessible to children in care.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2021

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

Consultant rule requirements with the provider.

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

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Playground hazards were discussed. Consultant observed the outside play area and observed no immediate safety hazards.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The provider has no infants enrolled but the new infant feeding plan was discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed kitchen operations and sanitation of surfaces.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

No children were present at the time of the visit. Handwashing requirements were discussed.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

No children were present at the time of the visit. Diapering requirements were discussed.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Application requirements were discussed with the Provider.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

New required reporting requirements were discussed with the provider.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

Safety and Discipline

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

No children were present at the time of the visit. Discipline regulations were discussed.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

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

Not Evaluated

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

Please ensure that first aid and CPR is kept current.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

No children were present at the time of the visit. Ratio guidelines were discussed.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

Technical Assistance

No children were present at the time of the visit. Supervision regulations were discussed.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021