



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/11/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:30 AM

Departure: 9:30 AM

FR-18387

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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.
08/11/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/12/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/23/2019	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	1	0	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	6	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	4				
Children Present: 4 Total Children: 10					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 12, 2020. Staff criminal record check were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on August 18, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued July 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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

Ellen Carter, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, 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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed with the director on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(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 during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(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 during the next regulatory visit.

Based on provider statement no swimming activities have been provided.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(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 during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2020

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 during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

Playground was observed during the virtual walk through to have no immediate safety hazards.

Health and Hygiene

290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing requirements were discussed with the provider on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

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

A Virtual Inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the provider on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

290-2-3-.11 Medications(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 during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulation regarding discipline were discussed with the Director on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(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 during the next regulatory visit.

Based on provider statement transportation is not provided.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Based on an Administrative Review August 12, 2020 all staff, helpers and household members listed by the provider had a comprehensive background check.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

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

Met

Comment

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 July 15, 2020.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Supervision was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding supervision were discussed with the Provider on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

The children were all napping at the time of the visit with a helper present.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020