



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/9/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 11:35 AM

FR-27097

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 11/09/2020 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 02/17/2020 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 09/26/2019 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |

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.

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 | 1 | 1 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 0 | | | | |

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| Children Present: 0 | Total Children: 2 |
| Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 | Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 |

Comments

This is the first regulatory visit of the fiscal year.

The home does not currently dispense medication, provide routine transportation, field trips, or swimming activities.

There were no children present for care during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/09/2020

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

Gwendolyn Jacobs, Program Official

Date

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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

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

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

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - The consultant observed the caretaker for the playground present on this day. Please ensure that the red wagon is repaired or removed from the playground and the two nails are removed from the wooden boarder surrounding the play castle before children are allowed to be on the playground. The Provider stated that the children have not been on the playground due to a large tree that posed a hazard to the children and had to be removed recently. There were no children present for care during the visit. The consultant discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are present for care.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

The Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures. The consultant also observed hand washing supplies in the bathroom.

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**N/A****Comment**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

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****Comment**

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. There were no children present during the visit.

Safety and Discipline

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The Provider stated that there has not been any new hires or new residents since the last regulatory visit.

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 on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training **Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020

Corrected on 11/9/2020

.07(9) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected on this date. The Provider had evidence of ten (10) annual training hours for January 2020 to December 2020.

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| Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision |
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290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)