



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/21/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:55 AM

Departure: 10:30 AM

FR-27148

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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.
11/21/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/14/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/28/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	4	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	7	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2					
Total Children: 8 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4					

Comments

The provider stated that no new staff or no new residents reside at the home on this date. The facility does not conduct transportation or field trips. The consultant and provider discussed the following items:

- * The provider must develop an updated emergency procedures plan. The consultant left a template of the emergency procedure plan for the facility on this date.
- * All staff members with direct care responsibilities must complete the health and safety orientation training.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/21/2017

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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.al.ga.gov.

- 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.al.ga.gov/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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>
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.al.ga.gov

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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

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4)

Child # 4

Met

Child # 5

Met

Child # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1), Mom Work # Missing - (.08)(1), Dad Work # Missing - (.08)(1), Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that two of six children had incomplete files on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2017**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1)(f)(4) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that one of six files were missing the known allergies, and mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will secure and maintain the missing Child's health information.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2017**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Met****Comment**

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

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

Please ensure that the home has an updated written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals.

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2017**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)	Met
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Comment

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
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Comment

Outside Area Clean, Well Maintained

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Provider Stated Appropriate Diapering

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures. On this date the provider stated that no medication is being dispensed.

Licensure

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

Application requirements reviewed

Comment

Appropriate number of children

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals	Met
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Comment

No Animals Kept

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

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit	Met
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Comment

Observed Kit Complete

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

Comment

No new hires

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

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(4) requires the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment. Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the training within the first 90 days of employment. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases; prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster, or threatening event such as violence at the facility; handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; and precautions in transporting children (if applicable). It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that a helper with direct care responsibilities did not complete health and safety orientation training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete the required training and will ensure any Employees complete the training. The Provider will develop a plan to ensure that any new Employees complete the training as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2017

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

Observed-Adequate Supervision