



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/27/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 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.
05/27/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/18/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/18/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

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

Children Present: 3	Total Children: 5
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 27, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 23, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 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://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)

Defer

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290-2-3-.12(4)- Consultant will evaluate this rule during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all children are properly strapped in during meals. The Home will transition children to appropriate feeding equipment to avoid hazards. The Home will discontinue inappropriate use of furniture/materials/equipment and ensure that all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment is used in a safe manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or recommendations for intended use.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2019

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Facility

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

Defer

Defer

290-2-3-.11(2)(f)- Consultant will defer this rule during the next regular visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2019

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/30/2019****Corrected on 5/27/2020**

.13(2)(a) - Consultant received pictures of the playground area to be clean and well maintained. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through food storage was observed. Food was observed to be stored on shelving, separately from cleaning products.

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date. During the virtual walk through the diapering was observed and the provider displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

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**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. 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**

Consultant observed one home Provider and two home residents to have valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check Determination letters issued by the Department.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through an appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date, in that three children were observed to be present

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervisor was observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home this date.