



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/28/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 10:45 AM

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/28/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/17/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/03/2017	Licensing Study	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)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	4	4	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	7	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	7				

Children Present: 7	Total Children: 10
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4

Comments

Consultant discussed the new criminal background check requirements with the Provider on this date and referred them to the department website for further information.

<http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/CriminalRecordsCheck.aspx>

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/28/2018

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

Gail Carson, Program Official

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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR) **Met**

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on 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) **Met**

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Provider stated that no medication is administered in the home.

Licensure

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

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2018

Corrected on 8/28/2018

.04(1)(d) - Previous citation was corrected in that the Provider was observed to keep five non-related children for pay and two related children for pay on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **Met**

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date. Consultant observed vaccination records for one dog in the home (Scrappy).

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2018

Corrected on 8/28/2018

.21(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected in that the helper that did not have a criminal background check completed is no longer employed at the home.

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(2) requires the Provider to submit evidence of one of the following prior to initial Licensure: a Child Development Associate credential; Technical Certificate of Credit in Early Childhood Education; Technical College Diploma in Early Childhood Education; Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education; Paraprofessional Certificate; Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education; Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Provider did not have a current credential on file. The Consultant observed the Provider's CDA credential to have expired on February 1, 2013.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain and submit the necessary documentation for the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018

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****Correction Deadline: 4/27/2018****Corrected on 8/28/2018**

.07(11) - Previous citation was corrected in that the Consultant observed appropriate ratios on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.