



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/4/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:50 PM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> | | | 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. |
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| 08/04/2020 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 01/22/2020 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 07/10/2019 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
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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 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 & 4 Years | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 5 | | | | |
| Children Present: 5 Total Children: 5 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 | | | | | |

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on August 4, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on July 16, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/04/2020

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://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

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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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A variety of equipment and toys were observed during the virtual walk through.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The children were taking a nap during the virtual walk through visit. Discussed safe sleep requirements and storage of bedding with the Provider.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

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|--|---------|
| Child # 1 | Met |
| Child # 2 | Met |
| Child # 3 | Not Met |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> | |
| Immunization Form - (.08)(2) | |
| Child # 4 | Met |

Child # 5

Met

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 1/23/2020****Corrected on 8/4/2020****.08(11) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during the virtual walk through.****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records during the virtual walk through that one child did not have immunization documentation on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child. The provider has requested the immunization records from the parent.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2020**Recited on 8/4/2020****Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through visit an operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

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 visit the home appeared free of hazards.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through visit the outside area appeared clean and well maintained.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, hand washing supplies were observed at the sink. Discussed hand washing requirements with the Provider.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate number of children were 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. Discipline policy and practices were discussed with the Provider.

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.

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

290-2-3-.07(27) - Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on July 16, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2020

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

290-2-3-.07(9)-Annual Training for the year 2019 was evaluated on January 22, 2020. Annual training for the year 2020 will be evaluated during the first visit of the new year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training for the year 2020 and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate ratios were observed during the virtual walk through on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision was observed during the virtual walk through on this date.