



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/16/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 3:00 PM

Departure: 5:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
11/16/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/15/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/07/2019	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	1	5	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	7	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	2	12	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	2				

Children Present: 2 Total Children: 12
 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 16, 2020. Staff files, trainings, criminal record check and children files were all reviewed. A virtual visit was conducted on November 16, 2020 with the provider. An in-person visit was not completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed.

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/RulesAndRegulations.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

Rita Royster, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, Consultant

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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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

A virtual visit was completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position and disinfecting of cots.

A virtual visit was completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 2

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2020

Corrected on 11/16/2020

.08(11) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2020

Corrected on 11/16/2020

.08(2) - Citation corrected.

Please make sure to keep all current immunizations even on school age children.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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.

A virtual visit was completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No immediate safety hazards were observed on the playground.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

A copy of the new infant feeding plan was emailed to the provider and discussed.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

There were no children present. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Diapering requirements were discussed on this date.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Based on sign in and out sheets the provider was within registration requirements.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2020**Policies and Procedures**

290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

New required reporting requirements were discussed with the provider.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2020**Safety and Discipline**

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Discipline requirements were discussed with the provider.

A virtual visit was completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020.

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

This citation will be deferred until the first regulatory visit of 2021 as the provider has until December 31, 2020 to complete annual training hours for the 2020 year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2020

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection.

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New rule requirements for meal times were discussed.