



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/24/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:35 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

FR-35149

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Compliance Zone Designation		
08/24/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/23/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/01/2016	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	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				

Children Present: 3 Total Children: 4

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/24/2017

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).

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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@decal.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://decal.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)

Janice Halston, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

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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)

Not Met

Comment

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

Finding

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based on observation that in the front room in front of the fire place ,a shelf with toys on it was not secure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will secure any identified equipment and/or furniture to prevent from tipping or falling over on a child. The provider states that she will remove the shelf by the end of the day.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017

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

Met

Comment

Not caring for infants

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Discussed the new emergency preparedness plans with the provider. Explained where to find resources and forms on the Bright from the start web site.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2017**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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

There were no hazards observed on the outdoor play area. Please cut grass when the weather permits.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

No Diapered Children Enrolled. The diapering area was observed to be in good condition.

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

The provider states that she does not dispense medication.

Licensure

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

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - Application requirements met on this date. There were three children for pay present.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017

Safety and Discipline

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2017

Corrected on 8/24/2017

.21(1)(g) Criminal record checks complete.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2017

Corrected on 8/24/2017

.07(5) - The previous citation has been corrected.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliance with all applicable laws.

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 a review of records that the provider had not completed the required health and safety training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete the required training and will ensure any Employees complete the training.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2017

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