

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334 Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 11/12/2020 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:00 PM

Departure: 2:30 PM

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Same



Com	pliance Zone Desig		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				
11/12/2020	Monitoring Visit		standing, support, and deficient.				
05/19/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.				
10/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	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	2	2	0	0	0	
3 & 4 Years	3	4	0	0	0	
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	1	
Total Under 13 Years	5	9	0	0	0	
Total Under 18 Years	5					
Children Present: 5	Total Children: 10					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on (insert date) with the (Director/Provider). An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on October 30, 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, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u>, 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
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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)





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: <u>https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</u> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <u>qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</u>

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Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

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The following information is associated with a Monitorin	ng Visit:	A otiviti	as and Equ	inmont			
		Activiti	es and Equ	lipment			
290-2-312 Equipment and Supplies(CR)				Met			
Comment A variety of equipment and toys were observed. Additional COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed dur				to the			
290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)				Met			
Comment Pleasant naptime environment observed.							
290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)			N/A			
Comment Home does not provide swimming activities.							
Comment There is no pool on the property							
				Facility			
290-2-311 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)				Met			
Comment No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. Ac to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observ							
Comment An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was ob	oserved in t	he home this	date.				
Comment Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in th							
290-2-313 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)				Met			

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

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

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 October 30, 2020.

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

Comment

Comment

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

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

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

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Provider on this date.

Health and Hygiene

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date. 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The provider was observed to provide care for five unrelated children during the virtual walk through on this date.

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

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)

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

Met

Met

Met

N/A

Met

Met

Licensure

Safety and Discipline

Met

N/A

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

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date during the virtual walk through.

Met

Met