



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/23/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Closure from visit on 04/04/2019 **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/23/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
04/04/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
02/27/2019	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.

Comments

April 4, 2019: The purpose of this visit is to conduct a complaint investigation. The findings were not concluded on this date pending additional information to be obtained. The findings will be reviewed with the provider by telephone and a copy of the report will be mailed.

April 23, 2019: The investigation was closed on this date. Three rule violations were found. A copy of the report was sent to the provider.

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



Please refer to the website, <http://www.decals.ga.gov/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.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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Family Child Care Learning Home, 290-2-3. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.

Joyce Addison, Program Official

Date

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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined that on April 2, 2019, at 11:15 a.m. a four-year-old child was playing on the front porch that was not fenced. The porch led to the yard which had direct access to traffic as a road was in front of the facility in a residential neighborhood.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Please submit by May 7, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2019

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

290-2-3-.14(1) requires the Home to report to the Department within twenty-four hours or the next work day: any death of a Child while in the care of the Home; any serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization or professional medical attention other than first aid administered by the Provider, Provisional Employee or Employee of the Home; any fire; any structural disaster; the closing of the Home and any situation when a Child in care becomes missing, such as, but not limited to, a Child who is left on a vehicle, a Child who leaves the building, playground, or property, or a Child who is left behind on any trip. It was determined that the provider did not report to the Department when a four-year-old child left the premises on April 2, 2019. The provider did not notify law enforcement after she searched for the child for approximately 45 minutes. The child was found at a convenient store by a witness.

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The Home Provider will ensure a timely report is made to the Department as the licensing rules require.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2019

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

290-2-3-.07(14) requires at least one Adult with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination to supervise Children at all times and requires plans to be made to obtain additional adult help in cases of emergencies. It was determined that on April 2, 2019, at 11:15 a.m. a four-year-old child left the premises while playing outside on the front porch. It was reported that the provider was inside of the home or distracted when the child left the premises. The child was found by a witness at a convenient store approximately 0.1 miles away from the facility at 12:20 p.m.

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