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Date: 2/19/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

FR-52473

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Same

Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 02/19/2021 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 08/31/2020 | Complaint Closure | Good Standing |
| 08/31/2020 | Complaint Investigation & 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 |
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| Infant (0-11 mos) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 & 2 Years | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 & 4 Years | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 6 | | | | |

Children Present: 7 Total Children: 10
 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

More than 6 for pay
 6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 19, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on March 2, 2021 with the Sandra Simmons. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19? pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/19/2021

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

Sandra Simmons, Program Official

Date

Laura Johnson, 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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on March 2, 2021.

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

Not Met

Comment

290-2-3-.19 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tight fitting sheets, SIDS, and infant sleeping position were discussed with the Provider during the visit on March 2, 2021.

Finding

290-2-3-.19(2)(c) requires that infants shall only sleep in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep as described in 290-2-3-.19(1)(a) and shall not sleep in any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the facility asleep or fall asleep in such equipment or on the floor shall be transferred to a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep. It was determined based on observation that an infant was sleeping in a swing in the home while the provider completed a virtual walk through of the home on March 2, 2021 and not in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep as required.. The swing was observed in motion swinging left and right while the infant slept in it.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will move infants who fall asleep in equipment other than a safety-approved crib such as a car safety seat, highchair or swing, or on the floor, to a safety-approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2021

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

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| Children's Records |
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| Records Reviewed: 6 | Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0 |
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| Child # 1 | Met |
| Child # 2 | Met |
| Child # 3 | Met |
| Child # 4 | Met |
| Child # 5 | Met |
| Child # 6 | Met |

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

Corrected on 2/19/2021

.08(1) - This citation was corrected. All enrolled children had an enrollment record on file. During a virtual visit on March 2, 2021, all children present in the home had a complete enrollment record on file.

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

Met

Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

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.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted on March 2, 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. No hazards were observed accessible to the children in care during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The consultant discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are present for care.

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| Food Service |
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Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(3) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2021

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(8) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

Corrected on 2/19/2021

.11(1)(j) - This citation was corrected. A Virtual Visit was conducted on March 2, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Hand washing supplies were observed, and hand washing practices were discussed with the Provider on this date. The Provider stated that upon arrival all children wash their hands with soap and warm running water.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Procedures and sanitation regarding proper diapering were discussed with the Director during the visit on March 2, 2021.

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

The appropriate number of children were observed in Family Child Care Learning Home during a virtual visit on March 2, 2021.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

Corrected on 2/19/2021

.11(1)(o) - This citation was corrected during a virtual visit on March 2, 2021. During the visit the no animals were observed accessible to the children in care. The Provider stated that all animals were kept not accessible to the children in care.

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 on March 2, 2021. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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| Staff Records |
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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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Met

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 February 15, 2021.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

290-2-3-.07(17) - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during meal times and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2021

Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.