

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 8/4/2021		Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Arrival: 8:30 AM	Departure:	10:00 AM
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Compliance Zone Designation			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			
08/04/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	standing, support, and deficient.			
08/04/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit		Support	 Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting 		
06/29/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	Deficient	 rules. 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	3	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	0	0	0	2
Total Under 13 Years	2	4	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				
Children Present: 3	Total Children: 7				
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3				

<u>Comments</u> The purpose of the visit is a monitoring visit and a complaint investigation visit. All background checks were reviewed and previous citations were followed up on during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/03/2021

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, <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
 New records checks will be required to be completed if a stail 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: <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>

Charlsie Bennett, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Comment

Valdosta, GA 31602

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(4) requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags.

The consultant observed the rest cots to be stored in the corner of the play room with the bedding on them. The consultant discussed with the provider about storing the cots without sheets on them so they bedding does not touch and covering the cots to prevent access to them by the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021

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

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Activities and Equipment

Met

Met

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

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

Correction Deadline: 6/29/2021

Corrected on 8/4/2021

.08(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The children were not enrolled during the month of July. The children have returned and the provider stated that a handbook will be provided to both parents.

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

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.

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

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Technical Assistance

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.

The consultant observed five bolts on the fence inside the play area that were more than two threads in length. The consultant discussed with the provider about turning the bolts around or cutting them back.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Met

Facility

Met

Met

Met

Health and Hygiene

Not Met

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Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined based on observation that the changing pad on the changing table had three tears in it preventing the changing pad from being nonporous.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the control of disease transmission, the Home Provider will change diapers in the child's crib or a nonporous surface. The diapering surface will be cleaned and disinfected between use with a single use disposable towel.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021

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.

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2021

Corrected on 8/4/2021

.11(1)(n) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The provider had proof of vaccination records for the pet in the home.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Licensure

Safety and Discipline

Met

Met

Met

Met

Met

Met

Staff Records

Met

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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.

Met

Met