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Arrival: 2:10 PM

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VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Mailing Address

Date: 9/25/2020

Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring **Compliance Zone Designation** history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good 09/25/2020 Monitoring Visit Good Standing standing, support, and deficient. 04/29/2020 Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting Initial Licensing Good Standing Study 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 Childrer	
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	1	0	0	0	
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	0	0	
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0	
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Under 13 Years	4	4	0	0	0	
Total Under 18 Years	4					
Children Present: 4	Total Children: 4					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on September 25, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Departure: 3:05 PM

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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

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

Beth Houtz, Consultant

Date

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1776 J. 1776		Findings Report				
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The following information is	s associated with a Monito	oring Visit:	Activit	ies and Equ	ipment	
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290-2-312 Equipment and	Supplies(CR)				Met	
Comment A variety of equipment and to	ys were observed.					
290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping	Safety Requirements(CR)				Met	
Comment A Virtual Visit was conducted and will be reviewed during th Director on this date.						
290-2-307 Swimming Pool	s & Water-related Activitie	es(CR)			Met	
Comment Home does not provide swim	ming activities.					
					Facility	
290-2-311 Physical Plant -	Safe Environment(CR)				Met	
Comment An operable and appropriately	y sized fire extinguisher was	s observed in th	ne home this	s date.		
Comment Operable smoke detector(s) v	vere observed as required i	n the home this	s date			
290-2-313 Physical Plant-S	· · ·				Met	
Comment						

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

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

Comment

Comment

date.

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Comment

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated in person and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit. The playground was observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated in person and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit. Handwashing supplies were observed, and handwashing practices were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Comment

.A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated in person and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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 Director/Provider on this

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

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline

Staff Records

Met

Met

Health and Hygiene

Met

Met

Met

Licensure

Met

Met

Met

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 August 15, 2020.

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