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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation					
05/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
09/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
04/15/2019	Licensing Study	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
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	3	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3		-		

Children Present: 3 Total Children: 6

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 22, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 24, 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: Developed This Date 05/22/2020

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

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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-.09 Activities Not Evaluated

Comment

290-2-3-.09-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2020

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. Toys and equipment were observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). During the virtual visit was discussed that one child in care took naps while in care. The cleaning and storage of sleep material was discussed this date.

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Home did not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 2

Met

Child #3

Met

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant - Safe Environment

Not Evaluated

Comment

290-2-3-.13 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2020

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

Defer

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290-2-3-.11(2)(a)-this rule was deferred to the next regulatory visit, as it was not available to be observed as a part of the the administrative review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will complete a written plan for emergencies. A template was provided via email.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2019

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through an operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through an operable smoke detector was observed as required in the home this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. .Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather. Playground rules will be observed on the next regulatory visit.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Evaluated

Comment

290-2-3-.10 -A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2020

290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations

Not Evaluated

Comment

290-2-3-.10 - - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper handwashing were discussed with Provider on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no diapered children currently enrolled in the program. The diapering area was observed during the virtual walk through, and the provider will replace the plastic mat prior to enrolling children in diapers.

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The provider stated no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through an appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting

Not Evaluated

Comment

290-2-3-.14-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2020

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals Not Evaluated

Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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 First Aid Kit Not Evaluated

Comment

290-2-3-.11(1)(e) --A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2020

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

N/A

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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 August 15, 2020.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Health and Safety Training observed

Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed during the virtual visit.

Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision observed on this date.