



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/29/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 6:30 AM

Departure: 8:30 AM

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Quality Rated: No

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 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.
12/29/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/29/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/24/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	0	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	4	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	6	0	3	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0		Total Children: 9			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1			

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 29, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 30, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/29/2020

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that allergies are listed and physicians phone numbers are listed on all enrollment applications.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2020

Facility

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

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 due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2020

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

No immediate safety hazards were observed during the virtual walk through.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

New infant feeding plan and infant feeding chair requirements were discussed during the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2020

Health and Hygiene

290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

Handwashing requirements were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2020

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

Diapering requirements were discussed.

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

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2020

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting**Not Evaluated****Comment**

New requirements for required reporting were discussed during the virtual visit.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2020

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

Discipline requirements were discussed during the virtual walk through.

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

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Plesae ensure that first aid and CPR is hands on and not an online version.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2021

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(18) requires the Home to ensure that an Employee or Provisional Employee, who must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, must be present to assist with supervision whenever more than three (3) children under the age of twelve (12) months are present, more than six (6) children under the age of three (3) years are present or more than eight (8) children under the age of five (5) years are present. It was determined based on sign in and out sheets that the provider cares for nine children when the school age children arrive daily and the provider has no helper. The provider has a spouse in the home but based on statement he does not help with the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure than an Employee or Provisional Employee is present to assist with supervision as required by the rules.

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2020

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the the COVID-19 pandemic. No children were present at the time of the visit. This rule will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

New rule requirements for mealtime supervision were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2020