



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/14/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:20 PM

Departure: 4:30 PM

FR-9900103379

Mcdonald - Pearce, Emma J.

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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.
11/14/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/17/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/03/2018	Monitoring Visit	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	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0 Total Children: 0
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

Comments

This Monitoring Visit is the first regulatory visit for Emma J. McDonald Pearce this 2019 -2020 fiscal year.

The center director stated she is not interested in the Quality Rated Program. The provider stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided. Additionally, the provider stated there has not been any changes in the household members and no new staff has been hired.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

Emma McDonald - Pearce, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.09(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Comment

The consultant observed toys, crayons, books, etc. in the providers home.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2019

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

Met

Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.19(1)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day. The provider purchased 2 inch thick mats for the children the age of two or older to sleep on during nap times as required.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.08(1) The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.08(11) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.08(3) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.11(2)(c) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.13(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. All animals was observed to be behind a closed door away from the children in care.

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.13(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.11(1)(i) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.11(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

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

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.06 Parental Access

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.06 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.11(1)(n) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.11(1)(o) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.21(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The provider completed CPR / First Aid on 04-30-2019.

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

290-2-3-.07(4)- This citation was deferred until the first Licensing Study in 2020.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete the required training and will ensure any Employees complete the training. The Provider will develop a plan to ensure that any new Employees complete the training as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.07(14) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.