



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/13/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:25 AM **Departure:** 2:10 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 05/13/2019 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 11/28/2018 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 04/04/2018 | Monitoring Visit | 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 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 & 4 Years | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 4 | | | | |

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| Children Present: 4 | Total Children: 4 |
| Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 | Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 |

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Consultant discussed with provider noncompliance of caring for adults and children at the same time. Consultant also discussed everyone having a satisfactory comprehensive background check.

The provider was provided the website for criminal records training: <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/CriminalRecordsCheck>

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/13/2019

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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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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Provider stated all children start out on their backs, and roll over on their own.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

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. It was determined based on observation, the fencing on the far right side of the playground is unattached at the bottom panel causing the fence to have an opened gap creating an entrapment hazard. It was further determined, the boarding around the bottom of the back fence is broken and protruding inside the playground creating a tripping hazard and is not attached to the ground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Consultant observed provider to remind children to wash hands after coming out of the bathroom.

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

Consultant observed proper 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.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

The provider were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(f) requires valid evidence of a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination be maintained at the Family Child Care Learning Home for each Provisional Employee for the duration of employment or residency plus one year, and such paper or electronic evidence must be made immediately available to the Department upon request. It was determined based on a review of records, a 26 year old adult at the home did not have a satisfactory comprehensive background check as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Home will maintain valid evidence of a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination for each Provisional Employee for the duration of employment or residency plus one year, and such paper or electronic evidence will be made immediately available to the Department upon request. The Home will follow up to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2019

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(24) prohibits the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees from committing any criminal act, as defined under Georgia law, in the presence of any child enrolled in the Home and requires compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. It was determined based on observation, the provider in noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations. The provider is caring for a 26 year old adult while caring for children during the hours of child care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider and Employees will follow all applicable laws and regulations and will not commit any crime in the presence of a child.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2019

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| Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision |
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290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.