



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/21/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/21/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/18/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/11/2019	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)	1	0	0	1	0
1 & 2 Years	4	3	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	2	0
School Age(5+) Years	2	3	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	6	0	6	0
Total Under 18 Years	7				

Children Present: 7	Total Children: 12
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on July 21, 2020. Staff files, children's records, training and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on July 28, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued July 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.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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Date

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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

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: 7/22/2020

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

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2020

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

Met

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

290-2-3-.08 Physical Plant - Safe Environment

Not Evaluated

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

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

Met

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

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

Met

Comment

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: 8/1/2020

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

Met

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

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

Met

Comment

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.

The playground was viewed during the virtual walk through and no immediate safety hazards were observed.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2020

Food Service

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations

Not Evaluated

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Handwashing and sanitizing were discussed with the Provider on this date. 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: 7/22/2020

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date. 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: 7/22/2020

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

Met

Comment

Based on an Administrative Review the provider has not dispensed any medication since the last regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2020

Licensure

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.20 E-mail Contact Information

Not Evaluated

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

290-2-3-.06 Parental Access

Not Evaluated

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Not Evaluated

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed with the provider on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2020

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Met

Comment

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: 8/1/2020

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

Met

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

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 and no new household members.

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

Technical Assistance

Based on an Administrative Review it was determined the helper has online first aid and CPR training. Please ensure the helpers get a hands on version.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2020

290-2-3-.11 Prohibited Substances Met

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications Met

Comment

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: 7/22/2020

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through on this date. The program is in compliance with the Executive Order issued July 15, 2020.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training Met

Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Defer

A Virtual Visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be corrected in person.

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: 2/18/2020

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

Defer

A Virtual Visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be corrected in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that either the Provider or at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination supervises the children at all times. The Home will develop or update a plan to obtain additional Staff help in case of an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2020