

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 7/26/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 1:50 PM Departure: 5:10 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation				
07/26/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
04/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
10/03/2022	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

rule

Deficient

- Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

the rules.

Ratio 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	1	1	0	0	0	
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0	
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	0	0	
Total Under 13 Years	3	3	0	0	0	
Total Under 18 Years	3		•	•	•	

Children Present: 3 Total Children: 3

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. The findings were reviewed with the provider and a copy of the report was left with the provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/26/2023

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).

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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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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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)

Met

Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property.

Children's Records

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on observation that provider did not have one of three children files for a child in care.

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POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(3) requires the Home to obtain Parental authorization at the time of a Child's enrollment for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available. It was determined that one of three children did not have authorization for emergency medical care on file with the provider.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will have authorization for emergency medical care completed by the Parent for Children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2023

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on observation that the provider had not conducted fire drills or drills for other emergency situations since April 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2023

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that a bathroom was observed to have a broom and two toilet brushes stored next to the toilet. Also in the bathroom where diapers were changed a container of disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer were stored on the area where diapers were changed. A container of bleach water solution was stored on top of a microwave next to the diaper changing table which was accessible to children. Multiple hazards were observed in a desk drawer and dresser in the bathroom such as containers of perfumes, deodorants, hair color, scissors, and a bottle of oral rinse were all accessible to children. A child's cubby was observed to have a container of nasal spray, a bottle of amoxicillin, and hand cream stored inside.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

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Correction Deadline: 7/26/2023

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

Met

Comment

The home was observed to be clean.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the outside play area is repaired so that it is safe for children to play on.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the water temperature is warm for handwashing at all times.

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined that the provider was changing diapers on a blanket that was covering a piece of furniture.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the control of disease transmission, the Home Provider will change diapers in the child's crib or a nonporous surface. The diapering surface will be cleaned and disinfected between use with a single use disposable towel.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2023

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

Met

Comment

Per the provider no medication was being 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

Observed positive redirection.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(e) requires the Home and any vehicle used for transportation Children to have a first aid kit which at least contains: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and Staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times. It was determined that the provider was missing an insect sting preparation, a triangular bandage, and the antibiotic ointment was expired.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will replace any missing items in the first aid kit, keep the instruction manual and written universal precautions with the kit and will check the kit regularly. The Home will store the kit where children will not have access to it.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2023

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

Met

Comment

Per the provider, transportation was not provided.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined that the provider's CPR and First Aid had expired in 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required CPR and first aid training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested. The Home will ensure that there is always a Staff person on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2023

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Annual training will be evaluated after December 31, 2023.

290-2-3-.08 Staff Training

Defer

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290-2-3-.08(14) This rule was deferred as the 2022 calendar year had passed. Provider was encouraged to obtain 10 hours of annual training before December 31, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that complete training information is on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

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.

290-2-307 Supervision(CR)	Me
Comment	
Adequate supervision observed on this date.	