



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/11/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Departure: 1:20 PM

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Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/11/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/28/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/19/2022	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.

Ratio Capacity					
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	1	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	1	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0 Total Children: 1
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

An in person Monitoring Visit was conducted on this day. The provider stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided. The provider reports having one child enrolled. No children were present during this visit.

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com 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 technical assistance is available!

Alvinnia Thomas, Program Official

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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: 3/10/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023

.09(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The provider has purchased appropriate activities for age appropriate child that is enrolled. The consultant discussed that as she enrolls more children, she will need to purchase activities which are age appropriate.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023

.12(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The provider has purchased age appropriate activities for the one child that is enrolled. The consultant discussed with the provider, that as she enrolls additional children she will need to purchase age appropriate activities.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023

.19(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day. The provider has purchased a safety approved pack and play for the one infant she has enrolled.

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: 3/10/2023****Corrected on 7/11/2023****.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023**Corrected on 7/11/2023****.08(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.****Facility**

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023****Corrected on 7/11/2023****.11(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The provider has documented fire drill logs since January of 2023.**

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)**Met****Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **Met**

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated 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) **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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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**

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023

.07(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The provider has completed 23 hours for the year of 2023.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)