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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 11/2/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 3:50 PM    **Departure:** 4:50 PM

**FR-16972**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
11/02/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/30/2020	Licensing Study	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	8	17	0	3	3
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	6	6	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	8				

  

Children Present: 8	Total Children: 23
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted November 2, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/02/2021

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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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](mailto: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)

Felicia Arnold, Program Official

Date

LaTanya Barber-Swift, Consultant

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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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 8**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1)

**Records Reviewed: 8**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Child # 6 Met  
Child # 7 Met  
Child # 8 Not Met  
"Missing/Incomplete Components"  
Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1)

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

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.08(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the children files include the Parent's business telephone numbers.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2021**

**Corrected on 11/2/2021**

**.11(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Home provided documentation of drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

290-2-3-.10(3) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2021**

**Comment**

290-2-3-.10(8) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2021**

## 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)** N/A

**Comment**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)** N/A

**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** N/A

**Comment**

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)** N/A

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## 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 Staff Qualifications(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

## Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

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

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

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