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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/18/2021 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 1:30 PM Departure: 2:15 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Table with 3 columns: Date, VisitType, Compliance. Includes 'Compliance Zone Designation' header and definitions for Good Standing, Support, and Deficient.

Ratios/License Capacity

Table showing age ranges (Infant, 1 & 2 Years, etc.), Children Present, Child For Pay, CAPS, Not for Pay, and Provider Children. Includes summary text for Children Present and Total Children.

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 14, 2021. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on May 18, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Follow up regarding FAQ for Rule Changes effective October 1, 2020.

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.



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

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)

Elise Epane, Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, Consultant

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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no pool on the property.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that child #1 did not have current evidence of immunization records on file. The immunization was observed to be expired on April 5, 2021.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2021

Facility

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. The consultant also discussed emergency drill requirements and emergency plans with the Director/Provider.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The outside area appears clean and well maintained. Discussed regarding ensuring that there are no hazards on the playground by conducting playground check prior to bringing the children outside.

Food Service

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

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: 5/18/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed.

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. There was one child and one adult present.

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.06 Parental Access**Met****Comment**

290-2-3-.06 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parental access requirements were met per the COVID-19 guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2021

290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

290-2-3-.14(5) - Reminder: Please be sure to contact the Gwinnett County Department of Health if there are positive COVID-19 cases immediately and get their guidance. Also, please complete a Required Report in DECAL KOALA for communicable diseases.

Please be sure to report temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever there are temporary closures for one day or more.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2021

Safety and Discipline

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 proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date. Speak with child and time out, one minute per age used for discipline.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry. Please ensure that records checks are redone if there is a six month break in service. Please also ensure that satisfactory records checks are updated before the expiration date.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021.

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)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date. Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.