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Cover Sheet

Date: 1/24/2022 Arrival: 1:00 PM Departure: 3:00 PM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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Compliance Zone Designation				
01/24/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
10/26/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
05/07/2021	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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				-

Children Present: 1 Total Children: 5

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Background checks were all reviewed on January 24th, 2022. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 24th, 2022 with the Provider An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Consultant requests the provider to sign and date the report in two areas and return to back to the consultant after the report is reviewed and signed.

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





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 gualityrated@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)

Patricia Hawkins, Program Official	Date	Stephanie Clark, Consultant	Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

	Activities and Equipment
290-2-312 Equipment and Supplies(CR)	Met
Comment	
A variety of equipment and toys were observed.	
290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)	Met
Comment	
Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib	
290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	Met
Comment Home does not provide swimming activities.	
	Facility
290-2-311 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Technical Assistance
Technical Assistance	
290-2-311(2)(f) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard i	naccessible to children.
290-2-313 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)	Met
Comment	
The provider stated there are no firearms in the home.	
290-2-313 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
Comment	
The outside area appears clean and well maintained.	

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 The provider stated appropriate 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 The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises. 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR) Met Comment Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care. 290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit Met Comment Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home 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 **Technical Assistance** 290-2-3-.21(1)(b) - Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Consultant reminded the provider that resident will expire in May 2022. Consultant encouraged the provider to go ahead and update the record. 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

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Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Corrected on 1/24/2022

.07(9) - The Consultant observed on January 24th, 2022 that the Provider had 2021 ten (10) clock hours completed and posted in GaPDS. The consultant reminded the provider that 2022 will also require ten (10) clock hours for the year and gave the Provider some training suggestions.

Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.