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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/13/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 1:00 PM

Departure: 3:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
10/13/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/28/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/23/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	8	7	0	0	2
Total Under 13 Years	8	7	0	0	2
Total Under 18 Years	8				

Children Present: 8	Total Children: 9
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 13, 2021 Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 13, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/13/2021

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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)

Vanessa McBrayer, Program Official

Date

Stephanie Clark, 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

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

The children enrolled are five to eight years old, naps are not required.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 3

Met

Child # 4 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 5 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Name Missing - (.08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Transportation Agreement - (.08)(7),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 6 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 7 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 8 Met

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 the review of documents that two (2) of the six children in care were missing all required documents and one (1) was missing their date of birth.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information from the guardians and send to the consultant by October 15th, 2021. Moving forward the provider will maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2021

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 the review of documents that all children in care did not have an immunization form or affidavit of Religious Objection on file the day of the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record or an affidavit of religious objection will be on file for each enrolled Child by Friday October 15th, 2021.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2021

Facility

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) - Consultant observed the Provider to be using an incomplete form to record the required Emergency Drills. A copy of the sample form from the agency's website was provided on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2021**Comment**

Provider stated there were no firearms in the home.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted. The Playground were not directly observed during the virtual walk through due to connection issues. Regulations regarding the associated rules with fencing, playground equipment, resilient surfacing and keeping playground area free of hazards were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

Technical Assistance

- 591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with the provider to make sure that the fall zones and the depth of the resilient surface are as required:

Swings:

* Fall (use) zone for regular swings is determined by measuring length of the swing chain and adding seven feet. Fall zones must extend in front and in back of the stationary swing. The fall zones in the front and in the back needs to have at least six (6) inches of depth.

Slides:

- A Minimum of four (4) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around entrance/ladder end of slide.
- A minimum of five (5) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around the exit and out from sides of slide at exit region.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL <http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(9) - Consultant reminded the provider that a doctor's note must be on file for a modified diet for each child.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2021

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(9) - The provider stated that no food is prepared at the home and the children are bringing in sack lunches. Consultant discussed that food brought into the child care program shall be evaluated each day. If the child's sack lunch does not meet the nutritional requirements stated in the rules, the child care program must provide the child with the additional food necessary to meet the requirements. Additionally, Consultant provided a copy of the Sack Lunch criteria from the agency's website.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

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

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - Discussed with the provider to complete an Amendment application in her DECAL KOALA account to change the days and hours of operation to reflect her current ones.

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.20 E-mail Contact Information **Met**

Comment

290-2-3-.20 - Consultant reminded provider the most accurate email and phone number should be listed and updated in DECAL KOALA .

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2021

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**

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

The provider stated that the program does not provide any kind of transportation or Field Trips. The provider stated that sometimes group outings to different places are arranged with the children's parents present and providing the transportation to and from the home.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(27) requires that the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees shall not commit any criminal act, as defined under Georgia law, in the presence of any child enrolled in the Home and shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. It was determined based on observation and review of records that there were six (6) children present in addition to the provider's own two (2) children. The provider was limited by local Zoning requirements to no more than five (5) children in addition to her own.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider understands and will follow the Zoning rules and regulations to operate with no more than five (5) children from this point forward.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2021

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.