



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/25/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 1:00 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. 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.
04/25/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/08/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	2	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				

Children Present: 6	Total Children: 6
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct licensing study. A plan of improvement was left and is due May 9, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/09/2023

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!

Vanessea Beal, Program Official

Date

Angela Williams-Jackson, 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-.09 Activities

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.09(1) requires the Home to provide a variety of daily activities appropriate for the Childrens' ages and developmental levels. Children with special needs shall be integrated unless contraindicated medically or by parental agreement. Activities shall be planned to include indoor and outdoor play; a balance of quiet and active periods; a balance of supervised free choice and caregiver-directed activities; individual, small group, and large group activities; large muscle activities; small muscle activities; language experiences; arts and crafts; dramatic play; rhythm and music; and nature and science experiences. It was determined based on observation that the provider did not have a daily schedule available or posted.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

Finding

290-2-3-.12(1) requires the Home to provide a variety of age-appropriate toys, books and play equipment and materials. It was determined based on observation that the the following equipment areas were missing:

- Nature and Science play
- Dramatic play
- Books
- Puzzles
- Art

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2023

Finding

290-2-3-.12(4) requires that all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be used in a safe and appropriate manner by each Provider, Provisional Employee and Employee and child in attendance and used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, recommendations, and intended use. It was determined based on observation that the provider allowed two children to play inside of a clear storage container that posed a potential tilting or flipping over hazard.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

Comment

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(b) requires that cots and mats shall be provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep. It was determined based on observation the provider did not have cots/mats two inches or thicker. The provider was observed to be using foam mat floor tiles.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(11) requires that if the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients, the Home must notify the Parent of each Child under the care of the program in writing. Each Parent must acknowledge receipt of such notice, and a copy of the acknowledgement shall be kept in the Child's file. It was determined based on review of records that the provider was observed to be without signed notification from parents acknowledging that the home does not provide liability insurance.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure sibling children's records are separate. Each sibling should have their own record.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

Finding

290-2-3-.08(9) requires that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent or guardian to drop off and pick up the Child document each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the Child. The documentation shall include at least the following information: the date , the Child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person and shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on observation of records that the provider did not have a sign- in/out records for the month of April 2023.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on observation that the provider did not have the emergency preparedness plan available or posted.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(b) requires the Home to have an operable and readily available telephone in the Home with the following telephone numbers posted in a conspicuous place next to the telephone: a physician or hospital, an ambulance or rescue squad service, the local fire department, the local police department, the county health department and the regional poison control center. In those areas of the state serviced by the 911 emergency number, 911 may be posted in lieu of the phone numbers required for ambulance, fire and police. It was determined based on observation that the provider did not have phone numbers posted.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the provider to please ensure electrical outlets have covers in the child care area that was not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the provider to remove the blue and white square table from the playground. The right corner of the table is broken with sharp edges exposed. The provider will remove the table before outdoor play.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Menu observed to meet USDA guidelines.

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) **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 (four children present) 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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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) **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.21(1)(b) Requires that a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination be completed for the Provider and each Employee and Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of record that the provider was observed to have a comprehensive background records check determination that expired on February 1, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

Comment

The provider will remain closed as of April 26, 2023 until an updates satisfactory fingerprint determination has been obtained.

Finding

290-2-3-.21(1)(m)3. requires that a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination be completed for the Provider and each Employee and Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of record that the provider was observed to have a comprehensive background records check determination that expired on February 1, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

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 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR) **Met**

Comment

The facility does not currently have any additional staff employed.

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**

Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed for 2022.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.