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Date: 4/23/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:55 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/23/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/03/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/03/2022	Initial Licensing Study	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.

Ratio Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	8	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				

Children Present: 3
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4
Total Children: 8
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

Comments
A Licensing Study was conducted on April 23, 2024. Backgrounds checks were reviewed. The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the visit report was given to the Provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/23/2024

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Elease Sims, Program Official	Date	Cassandra Jakes-Beasley, Regional 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 variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment
The infant was not present on the day of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

Corrected on 4/23/2024
.19(1)(a) - Previous citation observed corrected in that based on statement only one infant is currently enrolled and a crib is provided.

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 requires that each crib and other equipment approved for infant sleep shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. Please ensure that the sheet on the crib is tight fitting when occupied by an infant.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

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**

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

Corrected on 4/23/2024
.08(1) - Previous citation corrected in that all required information was in children's records.

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 a review of records the provider did not have an acknowledgement form in each child's file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

Technical Assistance
) 290-2-3-.08(8) requires that the Provider establish written policies and procedures, keep them current, make them consistent with applicable laws, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act, regulations, and these rules, make them available to Parents and use them to govern the operation of the Family Child Care Learning Home.
Please ensure that the acknowledgement from the parents are signed and placed in each child's file.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

Corrected on 4/23/2024
.08(3) - Previous citation corrected in that based on review emergency medical information was available for all enrolled children.

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 review the Provider did not have written emergency plans available for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will complete a written plan for emergencies.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

Finding
290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider had not kept the documentary evidence showing that fire drills for the calendar year 2023 had been conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency drills had been conducted every six months as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Comment
Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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) — **Not Met**

Comment
290-2-3-.13(1) - Pleas ensure all electrical cords are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

Finding
290-2-3-.13(1)(d) requires the Home shall be kept free of fire hazards and unnecessary or excessive combustible material. When in use, radiators, open fire, oil or wood burning stoves, floor furnaces and similar hazards shall have barriers or screens to prevent children from being burned. Unvented fuel fired heaters shall not be used unless equipped with an oxygen depletion safety shut off system. It was determined based on observation a gas heater located on the bottom of the wall on the back right side of the child care area was accessible to children upon consultant's arrival at the center. A small barrier was placed in front of the heater.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will remove any unnecessary hazards and will ensure that access to stoves, fire places, etc. is inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR) — **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on consultant's observation the following hazards were observed on this date.

* There was one inch of measurable resilient surface of rubber mulch in the fall zone of the sliding board on the climber, and in the fall zone of the dome climbing structure, three inches were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards. The provider will used the small enclosed area until all hazards are removed.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2024

Recited on 4/23/2024

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
Staff state proper knowledge of 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 **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.11(1)(e) requires the Home and any vehicle used for transportation Children to have a first aid kit which at least contains: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and Staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times. It was determined based on review the first aid kit lacked insect sting preparation, antibacteria ointment, protective eyewear, face mask, a triangular bandage and written instructions.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will replace any missing items in the first aid kit, keep the instruction manual and written universal precautions with the kit and will check the kit regularly. The Home will store the kit where children will not have access to it.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

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**

Comment
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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
Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.