



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/15/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:25 AM **Departure:** 9:25 AM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
07/15/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/21/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratio 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	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	3	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	6	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				
Children Present: 1 Total Children: 7 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/15/2024

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



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(08)(1), Mom Home # Missing -(08)(1), Dad Home # Missing -(08)(1), Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (08)(1), Emergency Medical Authorization - (08)(3)

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Name Missing - (.08)(1),Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 7 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

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 a review of records that the Home did not have a complete enrollment record for Child #1 and Child #4.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The consultant reviewed enrollment requirements. The Consultant left a copy of the form with the Provider. The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024

Recited on 7/15/2024

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 that the Home did not have signed no liability forms for the five children enrolled.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The consultant reviewed enrollment requirements. The Consultant left a copy of the form with the Provider. The provider will obtain the missing information and keep records on file.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024

Recited on 7/15/2024

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2024

Corrected on 7/15/2024

Previous citation observed corrected. Immunizations observed on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(3) requires the Home to obtain Parental authorization at the time of a Child's enrollment for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available. It was determined based on a review of records that the Home did not have parental authorization for emergency medical care for child #1 and #4.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The consultant left a copy of the form. The Home Provider will have authorization for emergency medical care completed by the Parent for Children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024

Recited on 7/15/2024

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 a review of records that the Provider did not have a current emergency preparedness plan with all the requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The consultant left a copy of the emergency preparedness plan template with the Provider. The provider will complete the form and keep the plan on file.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024

Recited on 7/15/2024

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2024

Corrected on 7/15/2024

Previous citation observed corrected. Fire and Tornado drills were observed complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024

Corrected on 7/15/2024

Playground is making upgrades.

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

Provider is making upgrades to the playground.
Please cut grass lower.

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

Proper hand washing stated throughout the Home.

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. One child for pay observed on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.
Redirection is stated to be used in the 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****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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.