



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/18/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:50 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

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.
07/18/2024	Monitoring Visit	Support	
03/25/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/19/2023	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	3	1	0	2	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	5	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	7				
Children Present: 7 Total Children: 7					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/01/2024

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

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

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.19(1)(a)3 - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultants observed tight fitting crib sheets on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.19(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Provider stated that infants are placed to sleep on their backs.

Finding

290-2-3-.19(2) requires that a Family Child Care Learning Home shall provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants and one-year-old children when placed for sleep in a safety approved crib or in any other type of equipment approved for infant sleep. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based upon observation that a blanket was in the pack and play with a sleeping one-year-old child on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Not Met

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.08(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultants reviewed children's records and observed evidence of identifying information of person(s) to whom the children may be released.

Comment

290-2-3-.08(1) - The Consultants and Provider discussed ensuring that each child has an individual enrollment packet on file.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

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 upon a review of records that Child #3 did not have a completed enrollment form on file on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

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 upon a review of records that the Home did not have the emergency medical authorization for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available for Child #4.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2024

Recited on 7/18/2024

Facility

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant - Safe Environment

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(1)(f) - The Consultants and Provider discussed ensuring that all fans are inaccessible to children during operating hours.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based upon observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

- A toilet plunger was located on the right side of the toilet.
- A plastic shopping bag filled with several other plastic shopping bags was hanging from the window frame in the bathroom.
- A container of Great Value Disinfecting wipes were on a shelf outside the bathroom.
- A bottle of Fisher Price Hello Bathtime Lotion was on a shelf outside the bathroom.
- A staff purse was located on a shelf by the desk.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

Comment

The Consultants and Provider discussed sectioning off areas to make 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.

Comment

Comment
The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - The Consultants and Provider discussed removing playground hazards prior to allowing children to go outside.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2024

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(b) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable be securely anchored to eliminate accidents or injuries. It was determined based upon observation that the swing set on the playground was not secured into the ground as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.11(1)(h) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultants observed clean potty chairs on this date.

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 observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The Consultants observed five unrelated children for pay on this date and two related children not for pay.

Safety and Discipline

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

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

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