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Date: 7/2/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:20 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

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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.
07/02/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/15/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/17/2023	Licensing Study	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	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	6	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	9	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				
Children Present: 1 Total Children: 9					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3					

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow up visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 user id 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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a CI FollowUp:

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 7

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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 records that Child #7 was missing the following information from their record: Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business telephone numbers for both Parents, contact information for the Child's physician, and contact information for emergency contacts.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2025

Prior Visits: 01/18/2022, 08/06/2021

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(2) - Ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2025

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(4) - Ensure to maintain a file for each Child that includes known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2025

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(10) - Ensure that release person information is on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2025

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 review of records that child #7 did not have an emergency medical authorization on file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will have authorization for emergency medical care completed by the Parent for Children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2025

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

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2024

Prior Visits: 07/15/2024, 07/17/2023

Corrected on 7/2/2025

.11(2)(f) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant did not observe hazardous materials accessible to children in care on this date.