



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/12/2024 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 7:15 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.
09/12/2024	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	2	2	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	2				
Children Present: 2 Total Children: 2					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0					

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 6, 2024. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on September 12, 2024. The exit conference was conducted on September 12, 2024 at 6:00p.m. with the Provider. The program did not receive Permission to Operate on September 12, 2024. Once the program has a follow up visit and the playground has been completed permission to operate will be granted. The Provider does not carry liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/12/2024

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!



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured..

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

Met

Comment

Center does not plan to serve infants and no cribs were evaluated on this date. Consultant observed the correct number of cots/mats, sheets and covers on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Family home does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Children's Records

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 review that two children files were not accessible during the inspection visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

Facility

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

Not Met

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 on observation that a toilet brush and plunger in the bathroom as well as three drawers and under the sink hazardous items that were accessible to the children. In the kitchen there were several drawers that were not locked and items were accessible to the children. Also the first room on the right housed the dogs and the door securing the dogs were loose and needed repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

Comment

Provider does not have fire arms in the home.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

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

Technical Assistance

The consultant advised the provider that the sofa cover as well as the floors, doors and windows should be clean as the house had a pet smell.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

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 observation that the AC unit was not covered and accessible to the children. The gutter in the backyard was missing a guard. There were small concrete blocks and a large concrete block in the back yard at the entrance and to the left that were not leveled. Lastly, there was a water hose as well as a lawn mower and other lawn equipment under the carport near the playground accessible to the children.

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.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2024

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that the fence on the left side and some of the back of the playground was not four feet in height which was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2024

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**

Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

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

Permission to Operate was not granted on this date. The overall licensed capacity is six (6) children at any given time.

Comment

Consultant discussed Business License requirement with the Provider. The Provider has one month after being licensed to submit the Business License to the Consultant.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **Met**

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date. The Family child Care Learning had two German Shepards and the vaccination records were current.

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

Comment

Appropriate discipline was observed.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit **Met**

Comment

Please add a thermometer, face mask, goggles and insect sting preparation in first aid kit.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

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

Three (3) of (3) three Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Three (3) records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file for the provider and all residents living in the home seventeen (17) years and older.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.