



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/1/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

FR-54279

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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.
05/01/2024	Monitoring Visit	Support	
12/05/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/23/2023	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	5	5	0	0	1
3 & 4 Years	7	4	0	3	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	12	9	0	3	2
Total Under 18 Years	12				
Children Present: 12 Total Children: 14					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					
Helper Needed More than 6 for pay 6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement					

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Children's files were available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the monitoring report was conducted with the provider on this date. Consultant emailed a signed copy of the monitoring report to the provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/15/2024

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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@dec.state.ga.us 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 on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants.

SIDS was discussed with provider on this date.

Washing of cots/mats and washing of sheets was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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 following hazards were accessible to children.

- * Exposed concrete at the second and third pole of the wood fence to the right of the playground beside the chain link enclosure.
- * Tree roots around the tree and at the bottom of the step leading outside.
- * Equipment in the right corner of the playground.
- * Vines and weeds growing through the fence.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2024

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing of children was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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)**

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on observation and review of children's records that the provider was caring for eight (8) children for pay and three (3) related children for non-pay along with the provider's two-year-old child, which is a total of twelve (12) children present in the home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

Recited on 5/1/2024

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.11(1)(n) - Discussed with provider that all household pets must have a current vaccination record for the consultant to review.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

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

Comment
Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

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) Not Met

Finding
290-2-3-.07(15) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation and review of the children's records that the provider was caring for eight (8) children for pay and three (3) related for non-pay along with the provider's child which was a total of twelve (12) children in the home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

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Finding

290-2-3-.07)(18) requires the Home to ensure that an Employee or Provisional Employee, who must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, must be present to assist with supervision whenever more than three (3) children under the age of twelve (12) months are present, more than six (6) children under the age of three (3) years are present or more than eight (8) children under the age of five (5) years are present. It was determined based on observation and review of the children's records that the provider was caring for eight (8) children for pay and three (3) related for non-pay along with the provider's child which was a total of twelve (12) children in the home on this date. There was no additional helper present.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.