Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/23/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/23/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/23/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/31/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

Ratio Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1
Total Children: 4
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments
The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring 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 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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal 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) **Met**

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Name Missing - (.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),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"

Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Name Missing - (.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),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 following information was missing from the children's enrollment records:

- Two of four children's files were missing the Child's name.
- Two of four children's files were missing the Child's date of birth.
- Two of four children's files were missing the Child's address.
- Two of four children's files were missing the Child's parents' names.
- Two of four children's files were missing the Child's parents' home and business telephone numbers
- Two of four children's files were missing the Child's parents' home and business addresses.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2025

Recited on 12/23/2024

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 proof of liability insurance was not on file and that four out of four children's files did not have parental acknowledgement of notice that no liability insurance was carried by the Provider as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation of Notice of No Liability Insurance and Acknowledgment and filed in all enrolled children's files as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2025

Recited on 12/23/2024

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that immunization records are periodically checked and updated in all children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2024

Facility

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

Comment
No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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) **Met**

Comment
The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2024

Corrected on 12/23/2024
.13(2)(d) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the play area fencing to be free from gaps that exceed three and a half inches as required. The Consultant also observed that the play area fencing was completely enclosed as required on this date

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

Corrected on 12/23/2024
.11(1)(j) - Correction of previous citation in that the Provider stated proper knowledge of the appropriate times that children's hands should be washed throughout the day as required.

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

Comment
Staff state proper knowledge of 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) **Met**

Comment
Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment
There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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**

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

Corrected on 12/23/2024
.21(1)(b) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed Staff #1 had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

Corrected on 12/23/2024
.21(1)(m)3. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed Staff #1 had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

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

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training **Defer**

Defer
290-2-3-.07(9)- Evaluation of this citation has been deferred due to the Provider still being within the window of time for correction of citation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment
There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment
There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)