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Date: 9/19/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/28/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/17/2022	Licensing Study	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	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	3	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				

Children Present: 1
Total Children: 3
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments
The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/19/2023

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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

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!**

Vicki Dawkins, Program Official Date

Ashley Richards, Regional Consultant Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment
A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Comment
Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.19(1)(b) - The Consultants and Provider discussed that cots and/or mats shall be provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

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

Comment
Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.11(2)(b) - Please ensure that the following telephone numbers are posted in a conspicuous place next to the telephone: a physician or hospital, an ambulance or rescue squad service, the local fire department, the local police department, the county health department and the regional poison control center. In those areas of the state serviced by the 911 emergency number, 911 may be posted in lieu of the phone numbers required for ambulance, fire and police.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Comment
Home observed complete emergency drills

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 that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Living Room
• A used cigar was lying on a paper towel located to the right of the recliner on a side table.

Children's Bathroom
• A bottle of Meyer's hand soap was located on the hand washing sink.
• A toilet brush was located to the left of the toilet.
• Two boxes of Zeiss Lens Wipes were located in an unlocked top drawer of the sink cabinet.
• More than 10 bottles of liquid hand soap were located under the sink in an unlocked cabinet.

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: 9/19/2023

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please ensure that outdoor play equipment is kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust, chipping paint, and splinters on equipment. The Consultants and Provider discussed the large gap and splintering wood on the front left side of the wooden barrier surrounding the playground equipment.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Please ensure that outside play areas are at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. The Consultants and Provider discussed bending chain link ties back in order to prevent sharp ends that protruded outward into the playground area.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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) **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 the Provider care for one unrelated child not for pay on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **N/A**

Comment
The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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

Comment
Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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 First Aid & CPR **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined based upon observation that the Provider had an expired First Aid and CPR certificate. It was further determined that the Helper did not have their First Aid and CPR certificate.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will obtain the required CPR and first aid training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested. The Home will ensure that there is always a Staff person on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2023

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 **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.07(7) - The Consultants discussed with the Provider that Health and Safety Training is required for each Staff member with direct care responsibilities.

290-2-3-.08 Staff Training **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.08(14) - The Consultants and Provider discussed that documentation of training be maintained in the Home and include the following: 1) title of training, 2) date of training, 3) number of clock hours obtained and 4) name(s) of trainers/sponsoring organizations.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) **Met**

Comment
Appropriate ratios were observed on this date. The Consultants observed the Provider care for one unrelated child not for pay on this date.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.