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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/4/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

<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.
10/04/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/31/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/08/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	7	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				
Children Present: 3 Total Children: 7 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and follow up on previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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



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!

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)

Stephanie Homely, Program Official

Date

Leena Mitchell, Consultant

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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-.09 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.09(5) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed children under three not to spend more than one-half hour in confining equipment.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.12(11) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed toys to be age appropriate on this date.

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)

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 7**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022****Corrected on 10/4/2022****.08(1) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed children's records to be complete on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022****Corrected on 10/4/2022****.08(12) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed children's records to be complete on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022****Corrected on 10/4/2022****.08(13) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed children's records to be complete on this date.****Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022****Corrected on 10/4/2022****.08(2) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed children's records to be complete on this date.**

Facility

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

Home observed complete emergency drills. Consultant provided an update copy of the emergency drill form 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****Correction Deadline: 4/11/2022****Corrected on 10/4/2022****.13(1) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the home to be clean and free of hazards.**

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/18/2022****Corrected on 10/4/2022**

.13(2)(a) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the outdoor play area to be clean and free of hazards.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL <http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2022**Corrected on 10/4/2022**

.10(3)(a) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed provider to hold infant while feeding.

Health and Hygiene

290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/11/2022****Corrected on 10/4/2022**

.11(1)(i) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed proper handwashing on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2022**Corrected on 10/4/2022**

.11(1)(j) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed liquid hand soap in the restroom 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)**Met****Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022**

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.04(1)(d) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the appropriate number of children present on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based on review of records that providers dog rabies vaccine was not up to date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2022

Recited on 10/4/2022

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

Please replace missing tweezers in first aid kit.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Staff Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.21(1)(b) - Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The consultant discussed the following information regarding criminal record checks with the director:

- Monitor the expiration dates of all staff members' criminal record check letters.
- Submit a portability request via DECAL KOALA for newly hired staff members that have a previous satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter issued by the department.
- Ensure that all newly hired staff members have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter prior to providing services to children present for care.
- Ensure that all newly hired and/or seasonal staff members with a six month (180 days) break of employment from child care submit an updated criminal record check application and complete the fingerprinting process prior to rendering services for child care services.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.07(8) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed providers current CPR and first aid card on this date.

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)- The previous citation was deferred due to the provider having until the end of December 31, 2022, to complete the required 10 hours of annual training. The consultant discussed with the provider to maintain a copy of their completed training certificates for the year 2022 in their personal file or via their Georgia Professional Development System account online.

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: 4/30/2022

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.