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Date: 8/22/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/22/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/28/2023	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	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	0	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	5	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	2	6	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	2				

Children Present: 2
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1
Total Children: 7
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments
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The consultant and the Provider discussed a supervision plan to ensure that children are supervised at all times when going to the playground and when leaving the playground.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/22/2024

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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS

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 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) **Met**

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**

Comment
Home observed complete emergency drills as of August 12, 2024.

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 upon observation that a Febreze Air Freshener spray bottle was accessible to children in the children's bathroom on this date.

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: 8/22/2024

Recited on 8/22/2024

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) **Met**

Comment
The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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 following hazards existed on the playground:
- High grass.
- Numerous active ant beds.
- A wooden bench that was located between two trees had splintered.
- A riding toy that contained stagnant water.

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: 9/19/2024

Technical Assistance
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. On this date the consultant observed an in ground swimming pool at the Provider's home, approximately 400 feet from the child care building and the playground, that was not protected by fencing or other barriers as required. The Provider stated that a fence will be installed no later than June of 2025.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024

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 wire fence on the left and right side of the playground measured three feet six inches when the required height of fencing is at least four feet in height.

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: 9/22/2024

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.10(2) - requires that foods and drinks with little or no nutritional value, i.e., sweets, soft drinks, etc. be served only on special occasions and only in addition to the required nutritious meals and snacks. Powdered nonfat dry milk shall not be used except for cooking purposes. On this date the Provider served two enrolled children Little Debbie honey bun cakes, Little Debbie brownies, and chocolate chip cookies as a morning snack. Please ensure that foods with little or no nutritional value be served only on special occasions and only in addition to the required nutritious meals and snacks.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024

Finding
290-2-3-.10(6) requires the Home to provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week. Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu. Menus shall be retained at the Home for six (6) months. It was determined based on observation that a menu listing all meals and snacks was not retained at the Home for six (6) months as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will list all of the current week's meals and snacks and all substitutions on the menu and keep past menus on file for six months and will implement a system to monitor this. The Provider did not receive the requested menu resources on October 17, 2023. The consultant provided menu resources to the Provider on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2023

Corrected on 8/22/2024
.11(1)(j) - Previous citation corrected in that two enrolled children washed their hands with liquid soap and warm running water before eating their morning snack 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
One child for pay and one child not for pay with a notarized no comp form on file were observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

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
Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit.

Comment
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment
290-2-3-.21(1)(c) - requires every Employee to have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Home while any child is present for care or before residing in the Home if age 17 or older. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The Consultant and the Provider discussed that if any resident of the Home is present in the child care building, while children are in care, that resident must have a current and valid satisfactory Records Check Determination on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024

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
Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Comment
290-2-3-.07(17) - On this date the consultant observed an in ground swimming pool at the Provider's home, approximately 400 feet from the child care building and playground, that was not protected by fencing or other barrier as required. The Provider stated that a fence will be installed around the swimming pool no later than June of 2025. The consultant and the Provider discussed a supervision plan to ensure that children are supervised at all times when going to the playground and when leaving the playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.