



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/26/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:20 AM **Departure:** 10:35 AM

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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.
07/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/20/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/11/2023	Complaint Closure	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	4	6	0	0	1
3 & 4 Years	1	0	0	1	1
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	6	0	1	2
Total Under 18 Years	5				
Children Present: 5 Total Children: 9					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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.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 at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov 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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed on this date.

Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions on this date.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed folding cots, sheets and blankets and discussed the proper disinfecting procedures on this date.

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with provider. Provider had older infant enrolled in the Family Child Care Learning Home.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Comment

There was no pool on the property.

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized. Discussed with Provider to ensure physician's information to be added to children's records.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills on this date.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - Please ensure cabinets in the bathroom have a safety lock.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home on this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The outside area appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) - Discussed the children using soap and water to wash their hands throughout the day. Provider was observed using hand sanitizer.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

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

Met

Comment

Provider stated the proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Provider stated no medication was currently dispensed at this time.

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)	Met
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Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home. Provider had five children present on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

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

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

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

Provider does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Staff Records

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

Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Checks were observed to be completed on this date.

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

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR that expired July of 2025.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed Health and Safety Training to be completed on this date. Discussed with the provider to take Health and Safety Training again because it has been five years since the last training was completed.

Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed on this date for the year 2023.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

Comment

Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children on this date.