



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/12/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:50 AM

Departure: 4:15 PM

FR-26285

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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.
09/12/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/17/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/22/2021	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	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 7		Total Children: 6			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2			

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on 03/17/2022..

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/12/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

La Tricia Middlebrooks, Program Official

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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-.09 Activities

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.09(5) requires that children less than three (3) years of age shall not spend more than one-half (1/2) hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jumpseats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. It was determined based observations that during nap time one out of the six children that were present was observed sleeping in a child car seat prior to being placed on cot by the provider.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that children less three years of age do not spend more than 1/2 an hour in confining equipment and shall be allowed floor time daily.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment is used in a safe manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If individually marked, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on observations that during nap time it was observed that there were no sheets covering the cots that the children were sleeping on.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that cots/mats have a barrier between the child's body and the sleeping/resting equipment.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022

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

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

One or more parameters were not specified for the subreport, 'Subreport5', located at:

myKoaLabDECreationConsole Reports PDL C ChildMissingRequirements.rdlc

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that a current and updated record of identifying information is maintained for each Child in care.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****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 on observation that there was a mop and a mop bucket located in the bathroom that were easily accessible to children.

Wipes located on top of the toilet in the bathroom were also observed to be easily accessible children.

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: 9/12/2022

Recited on 9/12/2022

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

290-2-3-.13(1) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the cleanliness and safety of the home environment

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022

Corrected on 9/12/2022

.13(2)(a) - Consultant observed that the previous citation had been corrected on this date.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13 Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that a barrier is placed between the children's playground area and other areas of the backyard so that those areas will remain inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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 this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals	Not Met
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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 by observation that one dog on the premises did not have proof of vaccinations.

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: 9/30/2022

Recited on 9/12/2022

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.