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Date: 10/26/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:35 AM

Departure: 2:30 PM

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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.
10/26/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/13/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratio Capacity					
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	3	3	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	9	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	7				
Children Present: 7 Total Children: 10 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					
More than 6 for pay 6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement					

Comments

The purpose for today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit. Technical Assistance was provided in the areas of children's records, physical plant, health and hygiene, safe sleep and food services. All questions were answered and a copy of the report was provided during the exit conference.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/26/2023

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)



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!

Rosa Darnell, 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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.12(3) requires furniture and equipment to be kept clean and in a safe usable condition. It was determined, during a monitoring visit on October 26, 2023, the provider failed to ensure equipment and furniture was kept clean as required. Consultant observed that equipment and furniture had evidence dirt, dust or grime residue.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will clean, repair, and/or replace any item(s) noted and will maintain furniture and equipment so they are clean, safe and usable.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that infants only sleep in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep and not sleep in any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2023

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of records that an infant was present and there was no evidence that included identifying information such as the child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2023**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent or guardian to drop off and pick up the Child document each time. Consultant discussed record keeping requirements and documentation storage of sign in and out.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2023**Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on observation that the home was not clean evidenced by areas of dust, food particles, floor stains or other debris through the lower level of the home accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2023**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 consultant observation that the play area was not kept clean and free of hazards. The following areas were not kept clean and free from hazards:

A pile of boxes at the gate entrance
dirt and dust on toys and equipment
toys not in good repair

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: 11/5/2023

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

290-2-3-.10(3) requires a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age be obtained from Parent(s). Instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the main child care area and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that one infant present did not have a written feeding plan on file or posted as required. Additionally, two other infants were present and did not have a feeding plan posted in the main child care area as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis.

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023

290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the kitchen area be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2023

Finding

290-2-3-.10(14) requires that the Home have a designated space for storage of food and kitchen items. The area shall be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. It was determined based on observation that the area designated for food storage was not kept clean as required. Consultant observed and documented evidence of dust dirt and food particles in the kitchen area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will designate an area for the storage of these items, will ensure that it is clean and monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2023

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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) **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on observation that the provider cared for seven unrelated children for pay on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. The Family Child Care Learning Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children, related or unrelated, for pay.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2023

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

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

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 **Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2023

Corrected on 10/26/2023

Annual training hours observed for staff #1

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Finding

290-2-3-.07)(18) requires the Home to ensure that an Employee or Provisional Employee, who must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, must be present to assist with supervision whenever more than three (3) children under the age of twelve (12) months are present, more than six (6) children under the age of three (3) years are present or more than eight (8) children under the age of five (5) years are present. It was determined based on observation and a review of records that a provisional employee was not present to assist with supervision when three children under the age of twelve months were present. There were seven total children present on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure than an Employee or Provisional Employee is present to assist with supervision as required by the rules.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2023

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination supervise Children at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Consultant reminded the provider that such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime and transitions between activities.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2023