



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/31/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

FR-24536

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Quality Rated: No

<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.
10/31/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/11/2024	Monitoring Visit	Support	
04/01/2024	Licensing Study	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	5	5	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	9	9	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	9				
Children Present: 9 Total Children: 10					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 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 of this visit was to conduct a POI/FU.

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 POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

Corrected on 10/31/2024

.08(2) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed current and up to date immunization records for enrolled children on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 10/31/2024

.13(2)(a) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the outdoor play area to be free of hazards on this date.

Licensure

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2024

Corrected on 10/31/2024

.04(1)(d) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the Provider to care for six unrelated children for pay and three related children not for pay on this date.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 10/31/2024

.21(1)(b) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file for all persons present in the Home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 10/31/2024

Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file for all persons present in the Home on this date. .21(1)(m)3. -

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Defer

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290-2-3-.07(9)-Deferred to the next licensing study in 2025 to review 2024 annual training.

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: 12/31/2024