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Date: 2/7/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 10:15 AM Departure: 2:00 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.
02/07/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/03/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/07/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License 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	6	6	2	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	1	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	2	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	10	5	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	7				
Children Present: 7 Total Children: 10 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 More than 6 for pay 6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement					

Comments

A Licensing visit was completed on this date,

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/07/2023

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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!

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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

Discussed with the provider to make toys and materials accessible to the children to enhance the learning environment.

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats shall be of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child. Mats must be in good repair, washable, covered with waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that their were small tears along the seams of the children mats and they were not waterproof.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider replace cots and mats so they meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)

Child # 5	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form,Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)	
Child # 6	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Release Person Information - (.08)(10)	
Child # 8	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Release Person Information - (.08)(10)	
Child # 10	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3)	

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 the provider did not have enrollment records available for review for one child. In addition, the physician information was incomplete for child #1 and #5. Also, the authorized released person address was missing for child #6 and #8.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(8)(b) - Discussed reviewing and updating the Home's policies to ensure they comply with Bright from the Start's current requirements. The consultant left resources with the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(3)requires the Home to obtain Parental authorization at the time of a Child's enrollment for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available. It was determined based on a review of records that the emergency medical care was incomplete for Child #8 and Child #10.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure the Providers name is documented on the forms.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023**Facility**

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Comment

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

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Discussed placement of playground equipment. Please ensure equipment is positioned in a way that allows children ample room to move around equipment.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper hand washing observed.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)	Not Met
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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 a review of record that there were seven children for pay present.

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 Provider will obtain the no pay affidavit for one of the children present.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals	Met
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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 redirection observed.

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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)**Met****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined based on observation that the Provider completed an online CPR class that did not have the hands-on skills assessment that is required by the Department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required CPR class that has in-person skills assessment and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023

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**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider did not complete the required ten hours of training for the year 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider has already completed the required hours of training for the year 2023.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(15) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval approved by the Department. It was determined based on a review of records that there were seven children unrelated to the provider present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will obtain the required notarized documentation to attest to the relationship status of one of the children present.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.