



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/13/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:45 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

FR-28922

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Quality Rated: No

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.
04/13/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/24/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/04/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				

Children Present: 5

Total Children: 6

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a licensing visit. The provider was given resources pertaining to planned activities and playground hazard checklist.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/13/2023

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!

Michelle Armstrong, Program Official

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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-.09 Activities

Met

Comment

290-2-3-.09(1) - The provider was observed to offer a variety of activities. A sample daily schedule was shared with the provider on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based on observation a space heater was stored on top of a desk in the lower playroom accessible to the children that posed a tip over hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will secure any identified equipment and/or furniture to prevent from tipping or falling over on a child. The Home Provider will ensure that all potentially dangerous equipment is maintained secure.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2022

Corrected on 4/13/2023

.19(2) - The consultant observed two pack n' play that were compliant on this date. The provider will ensure that during nap time that all DECAL rules are followed.

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

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

290-2-3-.08(2) - The provider had one child with a religious exemption and a form 3231 that had expired date of March 21, 2022. The provider will follow-up with the parent to clarify if further follow-up was required pertaining to the form 3231.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2023**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(9) - The consultant observed the sign in/out roster on this date. The provider will ensure that the parents and/or authorized person is signing the children records with a time and signature or initials.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2023**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 consultant observation the following the following hazards were accessible:

Kitchen - a can of Canola Oil was sitting on the kitchen table where the provider said the children eat their meals.

Bathroom - a can of Boogie Mist was being stored behind the toilet and two bottles of shampoo was being stored on the tub accessible to the 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: 4/14/2023**Comment**

290-2-3-.11(2)(g) - The provider stated that the firearm in the home was locked away in a closet.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2023**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Met****Comment**

The provider was caring for children in the upstairs family room and in the downstairs playroom. The provider stated that the upstairs family room and downstairs playroom was licensed. The provider will ensure that all rooms are inspected daily to comply with DECAL rules and regulations.

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 observation that a black grill was located in the driveway and at least nine exposed rocks were located in the grassed area of the playground posing a hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure the outdoor play area is free of hazards. The provider stated the two grills will be removed from the outdoor play area.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023**Recited on 4/13/2023**

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

The provider had a menu that met CACFP meal pattern requirements on this day. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL

<http://dec.al.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)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) requires children's hands to be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that no single use disposable paper towels were present in the children's bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure proper hygiene, all children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required throughout the day and use a single use towel. The provider located paper towels that were placed in the restroom during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2023**Recited on 4/13/2023**

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

The provider stated proper knowledge of 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)	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	Met
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Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date. The provider has a Boxer/Mix dog caged separately in the backyard outside of the children's play area.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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
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Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.