



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/19/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:55 AM

Departure: 10:30 AM

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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.
02/19/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/17/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/22/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratio Capacity					
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	7	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				
Children Present: 5 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1					
Total Children: 7 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

Licensing study was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/19/2024

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!

Faith Barnett, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Regional Consultant

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the provider on this date.

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)2 requires that a mattress shall be provided for each crib and other equipment approved for infant sleep and shall be firm, tight-fitting, at least two inches (2") thick and covered with waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation four crib mattresses were not non-porous / waterproof as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will remove mattresses that do not meet requirements and ensure that infant sleep mattresses are firm, tight-fitting, at least 2 inches thick, covered with waterproof, washable material and cleaned with a disinfectant before a change in occupant. The provider will order new crib mattresses on February 19, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure all parents and persons that are authorized by the Parent or guardian to drop off and pick up the Child document each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the Child. The documentation shall include at least the following information: the date, the Child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person and shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2024

Facility**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

Met

Comment

Home observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date.

Comment

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

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards on this date. Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure wall paint that has begun to chip on the wall near the bathroom is repaired and/or recovered with pictures.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. Please ensure that an approved barrier is placed on both side of the fence on the back porch area to ensure there is not an entrapment hazard due to the bars measuring more than three and a half inches apart. The provider will submit pictures to the Department of the revisions by COB: February 26, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Menu met guidelines on this date. CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. 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>

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all baby bottles be clearly labeled with the individual child's name. Formula or breast milk shall be supplied by the Parent daily in bottles. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. Bottles shall be refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. If formula must be provided by the Home, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Provider was observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed.

Licensure

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

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **Met**

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date. Max (canine) was up to date on all vaccinations as required.

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

Comment

The provider was observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit **Met**

Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since the last visit which was completed on October 17, 2023.

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete on this date.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR with an expiration date of April 2024.

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

Provider observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed for 2023 on this date.

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.