



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/22/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 2:05 PM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

FR-57627

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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.
08/22/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/23/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/03/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratio 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	1	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	7	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				
Children Present: 3 Total Children: 7					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 8 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on August 22, 2024 with the Provider Elease Sims. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/06/2024

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!



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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(5) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider replacing the torn rubber handle on the seesaw and attaching the green cover to the playground equipment.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

Corrected on 8/22/2024

.08(11) - Citation corrected. The Consultant observed no-liability forms in children's files.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(8) - The Consultant discussed adding the safe sleep practices to the infant files.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024

Facility

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

Corrected on 8/22/2024

.11(2)(a) - Citation corrected. The Consultant discussed with the Provider updating the emergency preparedness plan.

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the Fire/Tornado/Emergency Preparedness Documentation Form was not on file for the 2024 calendar year as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2024

Recited on 8/22/2024

Comment

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

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2024

Corrected on 8/22/2024

.13(1)(d) - Citation Corrected. The Consultant discussed with the Provider that Home shall be kept free of fire hazards and unnecessary or excessive combustible material. When in use, radiators, open fire, oil or wood burning stoves, floor furnaces and similar hazards shall have barriers or screens to prevent children from being burned. Unvented fuel fired heaters shall not be used unless equipped with an oxygen depletion safety shut off system. A cabinet was in front of the heater and the Provider stated that the heater does not work.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(1)(e) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider that electrical outlets within reach of children shall be plugged or covered.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/5/2024

Corrected on 8/22/2024

.13(2)(a) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider removing the pinecones and weeds from the playground.

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment, which is adequately maintained by the Home to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

- There was one inch of resilient surface of rubber mulch in the fall zone of the swings when three inches was required.
- There were two inches of resilient surface of rubber mulch in the fall zone of the slide when three inches were required.
- There were two inches of resilient surface of rubber mulch in the fall zone of the Climbing dome when three inches was required.

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Correction Deadline: 9/5/2024

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires 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. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that there was a five inch gap between the fence and the ground on the right side of the playground area.

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Correction Deadline: 9/5/2024

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 a signed written feeding plan for children less than one year of age was no on file on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Met

Comment

Staff state 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

Comment

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

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024****Corrected on 8/22/2024****.11(1)(e) - Citation corrected. The Consultant observed an complete first aid kit.****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**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(8) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider that any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities requires 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.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2024**Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(7) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider that the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees with direct care responsibilities shall complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2024**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.