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Date: 10/17/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/28/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/27/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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

Children Present: 4
Total Children: 8
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1
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Comments
The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/17/2023

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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

Sandra Dawson, Program Official Date

Ashley Richards, Regional Consultant Date

Kesha McNeal, CCS Coordinator Date

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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**

Comment
Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.12(3) Please repair or replace the second striped chair on the right hand side of the room.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2023

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) **N/A**

Comment
There is no pool on the property

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
Home observed complete emergency drills

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 upon observation that a bottle of Dial Complete Antibacterial liquid hand soap was accessible to children in the children's bathroom on this date.

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: 10/17/2023

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) **Met**

Comment
The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please ensure that the wooden bench in between the two trees on the playground is sanded down to keep the sitting area free from splinters.

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Please ensure that the wiring on the top part of the back left fencing is repaired. Please ensure that the two exposed bolts on the inside portion of the playground gate is capped or cut down to two threads or less.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2023

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.10(5) - Please ensure that high chair is cleaned after each use and the safety strap is replaced.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2023

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.10(6) Please ensure that a current menu is posted weekly.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2023

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 upon observation that a child did not wash their hands with warm running water and liquid hand soap after eating a banana. It was further determined that a child stated to wash their hands with soap and cold running water. It was also determined that the two out of four children did not wash their hands with warm running water and liquid hand soap after eating their morning snack.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
To ensure proper hygiene, all children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2023

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.11(1)(m) - Please ensure that children are wearing their shoes at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2023

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

Comment
The provider stated appropriate 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. The Consultants observed the Provider care for three unrelated children not for pay and one related child for pay on 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
The Consultants and Provider discussed redirection tips and ideas to implement for children when needed.

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 Staff Qualifications(CR) **Met**

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**

Comment
Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.