



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/6/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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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.
02/06/2024	Licensing Study	Support	
08/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/08/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratio Capacity					
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	2	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	3	2	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	8	6	0	3	0
Total Under 18 Years	8				
Children Present: 8 Total Children: 9 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 8 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted August 16, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/20/2024

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!

Daina Monroe, Program Official

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-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Ensure the use of entertainment media shall be limited to programs, tapes, and software that are produced for the benefit of audiences comprised of young children and not be the primary source of children's activities, used only in addition to other activities and for no more than two hours daily.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2024

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

Not Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys.

Comment

Consultant observed toys to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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 that the freezer located on the back porch near the playground was not secure. It was also determined based on observation that a black rolling bookcase and an unsecured shelf were seen leaning to the left of the freezer located on the back porch.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2024

Recited on 2/6/2024

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

Ensure infants only sleep in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep as described in 290-2-3-.19(1)(a) and shall not sleep in any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the facility asleep or fall asleep in such equipment or on the floor shall be transferred to a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2024

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**N/A****Comment**

There is no pool on the property.

Children's Records

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

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized.

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed parent authorizations were obtained and completed.

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2023

Corrected on 2/6/2024

.11(2)(c) - Previous citation was corrected. The last fire drill was conducted January 31, 2024 based on a review of documentation.

Comment

Consultant observed an operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher in the home this date.

Comment

Consultant observed operable smoke detector as required in the home this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2024

Corrected on 2/6/2024

.13(1)(e) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed the extension cord for the AC unit on the porch near the playground has been taped and is no longer accessible to children.

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 lawn equipment was accessible to the children on the patio, and around the shed. Standing water was observed in a white bin on the patio under the AC unit. The shed was observed displaying a gap over 3 inches from the bottom of the shed to the ground.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2024

Recited on 2/6/2024

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

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://decal.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)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the Home.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed three related children not for pay and five unrelated children for pay in the Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed appropriate vaccination records that were available on this date. The provider has two cats that were vaccinated January 19, 2024.

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

Consultant observed pleasant interactions between the provider and children in care on this date.

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

Consultant observed complete first aid kit in the Family Child Care Learning Home.

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

Consultant observed criminal records checks to be complete.

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

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

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

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Consultant observed 2023 annual training requirement and documentation. Provider completed 10 hours as required by the State.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date. Consultant observed a ratio of 2:8 on this date.

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

Consultant observed the Provider directly supervise and being attentive to the needs of the children.