



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/29/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Closure from
visit on 07/11/2023

FR-27097

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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.
08/29/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/11/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/22/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Comments

08-29-2023: Investigative finding were concluded on this date.

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



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

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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Family Child Care Learning Home, 290-2-3. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.

Gwendolyn Jacobs, Program Official	Date	Lesley Barrett ,Special Investigations Unit Sr. Specialist	Date
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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

290-2-3-.09(8) requires that the Home Provider shall not engage in or allow children or other adults to engage in activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being such as, but not limited to, horse play, rough play, wrestling, and picking up a child in a manner that could cause injury. It was determined based on an investigation that on May 12, 2023, that the provider engaged in activities that were detrimental to the well-being of a child when a one-year-old child was handled in a manner that caused injury during diaper changing, while in the providers care. Professional medical attention was required.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

290-2-3-.11(1)(m) requires that Home personnel keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on investigation that on May 12, 2023, the provider failed to ensure that a one-year-old child was kept, dry, clean and comfortable when the child was observed to be wearing a diaper saturated in urine, feces, and blood was observed in the child's private area.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Policies and Procedures

290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

290-2-3-.14(1) requires the Home to report or cause to be reported to the Department within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day: any death of a Child while in the care of the Home; any serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization or professional medical attention other than first aid of a Child while in the care of the Home; any situation when a Child in care becomes missing, such as but not limited to, a Child who is left on a vehicle, a Child who leaves the Home, playground, or property, or a Child who is left behind on any trip; any fire; any structural disaster; any emergency situation that requires temporarily relocating children; and any time the Home's operating status changes (i.e., open to closed or temporarily closed and temporarily closed to open). It was determined based on an investigation that on May 12, 2023, the provider failed report the serious injury of a one-year-old child in care to the Department within twenty-four hours or the next work day as required. Professional medical attention was obtained.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023