



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/2/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:45 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

FR-33671

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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.
02/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/24/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/20/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License 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	0	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	3	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	2	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				
Children Present: 3 Total Children: 6 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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@dec.state.ga.us 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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.09(1) - The consultants discussed with the provider that all age groups must have a daily schedule and lesson plan that provides varied age-appropriate learning activities.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

No infants were observed on this date. The infant crib was observed to be compliant.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - The consultants discussed with the provider to ensure that all hazards in the childcare area kept stored inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023

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

Comment

The provider will monitor the home for any hazards.

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 the following hazardous items were observed on and around the playground area:

- A red lawn mower was being stored by the trampoline in route to the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will move the lawn mower to ensure that it is inaccessible to the children. The provider will ensure that the outdoor play area and the route to the playground is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

Recited on 2/2/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

The provider was observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

The provider stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

The provider stated that no medication had been dispensed

Licensure

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

Comment

The provider was compliant on this date

Safety and Discipline

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

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2022

Corrected on 2/2/2023

.11(1)(n) - The provider two dogs were confined during the visit. The consultants discussed with the provider the importance of keeping the two dogs confined when children are being served.

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

No children were being served on this date. The provider stated that redirection and time-out is used for appropriate ages.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(j) - The consultants discussed with the provider all transportation rules and regulations. The provider will ensure that the afterschool children are picked up by a driver who has a valid driver's license.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2022

Corrected on 2/2/2023

.21(1)(a) - The provider had comprehensive background checks on file for all household members 17 and older on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2022

Corrected on 2/2/2023

.21(1)(c) - The provider had comprehensive background checks on file for all household members 17 or older on this date.

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. The provider was caring for three children during afterschool on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.