



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/30/2023 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Arrival: 10:15 AM Departure: 1:10 PM
Follow Up

FR-000002246

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
10/30/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/05/2023	Initial-TA	N/A	
08/24/2023	Licensing Study	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	4	5	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	8	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				
Children Present: 5 Total Children: 10					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

CI/FU was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/30/2023

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)



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!

Maxine Harris, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2023

Corrected on 10/30/2023

Correction of citation in that the provider reported that the child was no longer enrolled and did not reside in the same county. The day the child was present was due to an emergency.

Finding

290-2-3-.08(9) requires that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent or guardian to drop off and pick up the Child document each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the Child. The documentation shall include at least the following information: the date, the Child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person and shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of sign in and out sheet that on October 16, 2023 five parents did not have a signature or initial for signing their children in or out and three parents did not document the time of pickup. Additionally, on October 17, 2023, four parents did not have a signature or initial for signing their children in or out and one parent did not sign their child out. Additionally, on October 17, 2023, five parents did not document the time of pickup.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will develop, if needed, and implement sign-in and out procedures that include all required information, will inform Parents of the procedures and will monitor to ensure Children are signed in and out as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Recited on 10/30/2023

Facility

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Corrected on 10/30/2023

Correction of citation in that the tornado and lock down drills were completed in July of 2023.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2023

Corrected on 10/30/2023

Correction of citation in that there were no hazards observed on this date.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2023

Corrected on 10/30/2023

Correction of citation in that the basketball goal was removed from the playground area and no longer assessable to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Corrected on 10/30/2023

Correction of citation in that the swing set was removed from inside of the playground area. The provider reported the swing set would no longer be used by children enrolled in the program unless she was able to have adequate resilient surface as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Corrected on 10/30/2023

Correction of citation in that the fence facing the road was secured and had mulch present to cover the entrapment hazard. Technical Assistance and the provider reported that on November 4, 2023, the TA consultant will purchase a new fence for the provider.