



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/8/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:20 AM **Departure:** 5:05 PM

FR-23315

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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.
07/08/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/03/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/30/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

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

Comments

7/8/2024- The purpose of this visit is to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/08/2024

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!



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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

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2024

Corrected on 7/8/2024

.12(3) - The previous citation was corrected in that the furniture and equipment were observed in good repair and safe condition on this date.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(5) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the toilet brush and plunger are inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024

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

Met

Comment

Discussed infant and child sleeping positions. Toddlers should be positioned in a head to toe sleeping pattern.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 7

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Name Missing - (.08)(1), Date of Birth Missing - (.08)(1), Parents Names Missing - (.08)(1), Mom Home # Missing - (.08)(1), Mom Work # Missing - (.08)(1), Dad Home # Missing - (.08)(1), Dad Work # Missing - (.08)(1), Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1), Immunization Form - (.08)(2), Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3), Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4), Transportation Agreement - (.08)(7), Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on observation that child # 7, did not have a file present at the facility and child # 1 did not have immunization record present at the facility.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024**Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) - Please ensure all fire and safety drill documentation are available on site.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on observation that the floor in the area where the children eat was dirty with dirt and unknown debris. Additionally, the blinds in the living room were broken with hanging slats accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024**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 on observation that there were two active ant mounds in the outside play area. Additionally, there were two cans of paint and laminate floor planks by the gate in the play area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined observation the fence was found to have several gaps measuring between six and seven inches. Additionally, there were several planks in the fence that were rotted and with splintering wood points.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Corrected on 7/8/2024

.11(1)(m) - The previous citation was corrected in that the Provider's children were dressed properly on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

N/A

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.

Safety and Discipline

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

N/A

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.

Comment

Annual training was evaluated at the last Licensing Study in March 2024. Annual training for 2024 will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit..

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Corrected on 7/8/2024

.07(18) - The previous citation was corrected in that the proper staff/child ratio was observed to be appropriate on this date.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.