



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/29/2023 VisitType: Initial Licensing Study Arrival: 8:45 AM Departure: 10:45 AM

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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.
08/29/2023	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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

Comments

Permission to operate was granted on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/29/2023

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.dec.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Wendy Rios Ochoa, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that small toys not appropriate for children under three are kept on high shelves to make them inaccessible. Consultant also discussed with the provider ensuring that children are closely supervised when playing with these toys.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

Met

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant observed one playpen meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standard.

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

N/A

Comment

There is no pool on the property. Provider will not be providing any swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Consultant discussed with the provider the importance of ensuring that all the information on the enrollment packet be filled out by parents. Consultant also discussed with the provider ensuring that parental agreements/authorizations be filled out and kept on file.

Facility

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date. Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

Comment

Provider stated that there are no firearms in the home.

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

The Home appears clean.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that the shaved down metal pole on the left side of the pergola is covered with a cone or other material so that it is inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

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 based on observation that the wooden deck fence had gaps at the bottom that measured more than 3.5 inches.

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: 8/29/2023

Food Service

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the Provider foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Consultant discussed appropriate diapering procedures with the provider. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were also discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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

Permission to Operate was granted on this date. Due to zoning restrictions, the overall licensed capacity is six (6) children at any given time.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider on this date.

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

Please add missing item in first aid kit.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The Provider will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Two (2) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file, one for the provider and one for their spouse.

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

Currently there are no children present in the program. Consultant discussed ratios with the Provider on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Currently there are no children present in the program. Consultant discussed direct supervision with the provider on this date.