



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/26/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:15 AM

Departure: 2:30 PM

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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.
03/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/13/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/22/2023	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	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4				
Children Present: 4 Total Children: 4 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

This is the second regulatory visit of the fiscal year.

Per the Provider, the home does not currently dispense medication, provide routine transportation, field trips, or swimming activities.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/26/2024

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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(a) - Discussed that any child under the age of twelve (12) months or any child who is under eighteen (18) months of age who is not walking requires that the Home provide either a safety approved crib or other equipment that is approved for infant sleep or provide a mat for the thirteen (13) month year old child that is currently enrolled in the Home. The consultant also discussed that if a child arrives at the Home who is still sleeping, the child will need to be placed in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for safe sleep in compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. The consultant observed a thirteen month old child awake and sitting in a car seat on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1),Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1),Release Person Information - (08)(10)

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Dad Work # Missing -(08)(1),Release Person Information - (08)(10)

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (08)(10),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (08)(1)

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 the consultant's review of records, that three out of four records were missing the parent's work phone number, one out of four records was missing the work address, and one out of four records was missing the Physician's phone number, as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2024

Recited on 3/26/2024

Correction Deadline: 12/27/2023

Corrected on 3/26/2024

.08(11) - This rule was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed a signed liability insurance statement for each of the four children enrolled in the program during the visit.

Finding

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the Home did not have a current immunization record on file for one out of four children enrolled in the Home due to the record expiring on January 25, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

Finding

290-2-3-.08(4) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that one out of four records was missing a statement regarding the known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program, as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will secure and maintain the missing Child's health information.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2024

Recited on 3/26/2024

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(9) - Discussed that the signature/initials of the parent or authorized pick-person and the time is included on the attendance records for when each child arrives and departs from the program.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

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

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/27/2023

Corrected on 3/26/2024

.11(2)(c) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected. The consultant observed that the last fire drill was documented by the Home on February 5, 2024 and the last Tornado drill was documented on January 8, 2024.

Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the Home did not have at least one operable smoke detector in the Home during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The home provider will ensure that a working smoke detector is on each floor and a working fire extinguisher is available in the child care area as required, and is maintained inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2024

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

290-2-3-.13(1) - Discussed being mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children to ensure the safety of the environment to the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Discussed that the structural poles at the top, middle part of fence dividing the backyard will need to be repaired to ensure that the fencing does not pose a hazard to the children in care. The Provider stated that a tree fell onto the fence recently breaking the structural, top part of the fence that prevents the fence from sagging and that the fence is in the process of getting repaired and that the first part of the process was getting the tree removed and now the fence will need to be repaired by April 2, 2024. The consultant also discussed monitoring the white panels along the bottom of the fencing area to ensure that they stay flushed with the fence surface. There were no children observed in the outside playing area.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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. The consultant observed four children for pay present during the visit.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals N/A

Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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.

Finding

290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the Provider did not have the required current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers, upon request during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required CPR and first aid training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested. The Home will ensure that there is always a Staff person on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2024

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, record keeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on the Consultant's review of records that the Provider had evidence of completing two annual training hours for January 2023 to December 31, 2023, where at least ten (10) annual training hours is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Recited on 3/26/2024

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.