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Date: 5/22/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:05 AM

Departure: 12:55 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.
05/22/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/23/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/04/2022	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	5	5	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	0	5	5	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 6 Total Children: 6					
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, field trips, or swimming activities.

The consultant provided no liability forms and vehicle emergency medical forms for the Provider to use for routine transportation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/22/2023

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!

Gwendolyn Jacobs, Program Official

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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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. The Provider stated that only school-age children are enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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 the consultant's review of records that five out of five children were missing the address of whom the child may be released.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2023**Comment**

290-2-3-.08(2) - The Provider stated that the newly enrolled children from 5/1/2023 will have their immunization record within the required thirty (30) days of enrollment,

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(4) - Please ensure the allergy information is updated for each child that is enrolled in the Home. The consultant observed two out of five children records missing their allergy information.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023**Comment**

290-2-3-.08(9) - The consultant observed four out of four children that attended the Home during the week of May 15, 2023 to May 19, 2023 who were signed into the Home upon arrival and departure, as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023**Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

Home observed complete emergency drills

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

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

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

Comment

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards during the visit.

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

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Discussed cutting the branches that have grown on the back part of the fence to ensure that it does not pose a hazard to the children in care. The consultant stated that the branches would have to stay cut at all times during the operational hours of the Home. The Provider contacted the Home's management to inform them of the branches that need to be completely removed from the fence. The Provider will be placing an interior barrier outside to ensure that the children do not have access to the branches along the fence. There were no children present during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023

Food Service**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

The consultant observed the food menu for the week of May 22, 2023 to May 26, 2023.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures. There were no children present at the Home during the visit.

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**N/A****Comment**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

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**

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. There were no children present during the visit.

Policies and Procedures**290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

290-2-3-.14(1) - Discussed required reporting procedures with the Provider on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home. Discussed having a complete first aid kit on the vehicle used for routine transportation.

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(m) - Discussed that routine transportation requires written authorization for the Child to receive emergency medical treatment when the Parent is not available and shall be maintained in the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023

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 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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, recordkeeping, 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 did not have evidence of completing at least ten (10) annual training hours for January 2022 to December 2022, upon request, as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff 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: 12/31/2023

Recited on 5/22/2023

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)