



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/7/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 12:40 PM 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.
02/07/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/25/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/11/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License 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	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	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: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/07/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Tracy Jenkins, 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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(b)4 - Discussed with the provider that a light cover shall be available for each child's use on a cot or mat and shall be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If individually marked, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(b)3 - Discussed with the provider that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If individually marked, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(2) - Discussed with the provider that if Pack and Plays are used, the Safe Sleep requirements need to be followed- tight fitting sheets changed daily, no objects in or on the pack n play, no covers or stuffed animals.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	

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

Not Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Finding

290-2-3-.08(11) requires that if the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients, the Home must notify the Parent of each Child under the care of the program in writing. Each Parent must acknowledge receipt of such notice, and a copy of the acknowledgement shall be kept in the Child's file. It was determined based on review of records that there no signed No Liability Statements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) - Please ensure that the emergency drills are documented as required.

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.

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 appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 there was no fenced in outdoor area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will fence the outdoor patio with a safe four feet high barrier and will ensure that the fence and the area are safe for the children. 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: 2/14/2023**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.

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Policies and Procedures**290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.14(1)(a) - Please ensure that all required notices are posted.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals	Met
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Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date for one dog.

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(e) - Please ensure that the First Aid Kit is complete and available in the child care area.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for the Provider. No other residents of the home ages 17 or older were reported.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

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

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.