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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 2/17/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 1:15 PM

**Departure:** 1:55 PM

**FR-000003459**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
02/17/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/13/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/04/2021	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	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	7	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Total Children: 8 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 6 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

**Comments**

An in-person visit was conducted on February 17, 2022. The administrative review was completed February 22, 2022. The Consultant completed exit conference by phone. A copy of licensing study visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on February 25, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/17/2022

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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Serafina Wright, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. A pleasant naptime environment was observed during the visit.

**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: 4**

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3)

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3)

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 6

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 a review of records that the telephone number of the Child's physician was missing for 1 of the 8 records reviewed. In addition, the authorized release person(s) information was incomplete for 2 of the 8 records.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022****290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(3) requires the Home to obtain Parental authorization at the time of a Child's enrollment for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available. It was determined based on a review of records that the authorization for emergency medical care was incomplete for 2 of the 8 enrolled children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will have authorization for emergency medical care completed by the Parent for Children enrolled.

**Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022****Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

Observed documentation of emergency drills and the Home's emergency preparedness plans.

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed 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)****Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) - Discussed ensuring the outdoor turf rugs are secure and pinned down in a way to prevent tripping hazards.

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

The children were taking a nap during the visit. The Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

**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**

The children were taking a nap during the visit. Discussed discipline policy with the Provider.

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

Please replace missing items to kit.

**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.

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(8) - Discussed contacting the trainer to ensure the child CPR component was included in the training.

**Comment**

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

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation for the year 2021 was observed.

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.