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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/26/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:00 PM **Departure:** 1:05 PM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
07/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/27/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	2	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	8	8	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	8				
Children Present: 8 Total Children: 8 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 More than 6 for pay 6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement					

Comments

An in-person visit was conducted on July 26, 2022. The administrative review was not required for this visit. The Consultant completed the exit conference during the visit and a copy of the monitoring visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on July 27, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/26/2022

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.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



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!

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)

Rosemary Allen, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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(2) - Discussed infant sleep position. All infants should be placed on their back to sleep in a safe and approved sleeping equipment. If an alternate sleep position is required, a physician's written authorization must be on file in the Home. The authorization must include the infant's alternate sleep position (e.g., on his/her side), the time frame (e.g., number of days, weeks, months) and the length of time (e.g., an hour) the infant should sleep in the alternate position.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022****Corrected on 7/26/2022****.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed complete children enrollment forms on this date.****Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022****Corrected on 7/26/2022****.08(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed children allergy information documented on this date.**

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022****Corrected on 7/26/2022****.08(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed emergency medical authorization forms on this date.**

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/4/2022****Corrected on 7/26/2022****.11(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed emergency preparedness plans on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/18/2022****Corrected on 7/26/2022****.11(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed documentation that the Provider has conducted fire drills as required.****Comment**

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

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)**Met**

Comment

There were no hazards on the side of the back yard the children use for outdoor play. The Provider has placed a barrier around the section of the brick fence that the provider stated was damaged by a vehicle. The damaged fence is not accessible to the children.

Food Service**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022****Corrected on 7/26/2022****.10(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed infant feeding forms on this date.****Health and Hygiene****290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Discussed diapering procedures with the Provider.

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)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on observation that there were eight children for pay present on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022**Safety and Discipline****290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone when redirecting children.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/4/2022**

Corrected on 7/26/2022

.11(1)(e) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The provider has added the missing items to the first aid 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.

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

Defer

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2022

Corrected on 7/26/2022

.07(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed documentation of the Provider health and Safety training on this date.

Defer

290-2-3-.07(9)-Annual training for the year 2021 was evaluated on February 16, 2022. Annual training for the year 2022 will be evaluated during the first visit in 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete ten hours of training for they year 2022 by December 31, 2022. The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(15) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval approved by the Department. It was determined base on a review of records that there were eight children who were unrelated to the Provider present on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.