



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/8/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:10 PM

Departure: 3:30 PM

FR-17136

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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. |
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| 12/08/2022 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 06/09/2022 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 12/09/2021 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
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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 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 & 4 Years | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 5 | | | | |
| Children Present: 5 Total Children: 7 | | | | | |
| Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 | | | | | |

Comments

An in-person inspection was conducted on December 08, 2022 with the Director. Background checks were all reviewed on December 08, 2022.

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 08, 2022. Staff files, children's files, and training documentation were all reviewed.

The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the Licensing Study Visit report was given to the Director on December 08, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Michaela Gerhartz, Program Official

Date

Verlyn Gant, 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**

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

Corrected on 12/8/2022

.12(5) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the radio flyer had been repaired, the little tikes house had been repaired and the glass vase that was located under the deck had been removed.

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

Comment

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Facility

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

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) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2022

Corrected on 12/8/2022

.13(2)(a) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the sweet gum balls which posed a potential tripping hazard, had been removed.

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| Health and Hygiene |
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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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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| Licensure |
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290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) **Met**

Comment

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

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| Safety and Discipline |
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290-2-3-.11 Animals **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

Corrected on 12/8/2022

.11(1)(n) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records the provider had the current vaccination record for the one pet in the home as required.

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

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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| Staff Records |
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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.

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.