



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/15/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:10 PM

FR-52473

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/15/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/25/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/14/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	4	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	7	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				

Children Present: 6	Total Children: 8
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a Licensing Study. The Provider stated that she does not provide routine transportation, administer medications, or provide swimming activities. Criminal Records Check were observed complete. The Provider's pets were observed housed in an area of the home separate from the children in care.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/15/2023

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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Sandra Simmons, Program Official

Date

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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(4) requires that all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be used in a safe and appropriate manner by each Provider, Provisional Employee and Employee and child in attendance and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use.

The consultant spoke with the Provider about removing, repairing, or replacing the yellow and red Little Tykes Cozy Coupe that was missing a steering wheel and side door an was not able to be used as intended by the manufacturer.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2), Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 7

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

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

Not Met

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 that two out of seven children enrolled did not have a signed copy of the parent's acknowledgement of the program having no liability insurance.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Finding

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that four out of seven children were missing a current immunization record as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

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 appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR) Met

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

Corrected on 2/15/2023

.13(2)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date. The swings were observed removed from the playground area.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition Not Met

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(3) - The consultant spoke with the Provider about having parents update infant feeding plans anytime there is a change in the infant's feeding instructions.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023

Finding

290-2-3-.10(6) requires the Home to provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week. Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu. Menus shall be retained at the Home for six (6) months. It was determined based on a review of records and statements from the Provider that a current menu was not available for the week of February 13-17, 2023 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will list all of the current week's meals and snacks and all substitutions on the menu and keep past menus on file for six months and will implement a system to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed at the Family Child Care Learning Home.

Licensure

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

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 2/15/2023

.04(1)(d) - This citation was corrected on this date. Six children kept for pay were observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **Met**

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Comment

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

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.

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 **Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

Corrected on 2/15/2023

.07(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Provider had evidence of completing ten hours of annual training for the calendar year 2022 as required.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

Corrected on 2/15/2023

.07(15) - This citation was corrected on this date. Six unrelated children kept for pay were observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

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

Met

Comment

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