



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/31/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 2:25 PM **Departure:** 3:05 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/31/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/03/2021	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.

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	12	11	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	12	12	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	12				

Children Present: 12

Total Children: 13

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5

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 inspection was conducted on August 31, 2022 with the Provider. Background checks were all reviewed on August 31, 2022.

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 12, 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 Provider on September 13, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted

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.decgal.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

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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Falisha Scott, Program Official

Date

Verlyn Gant, Consultant

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(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs.

Please ensure chairs are not stacked while children are active and awake.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Finding

290-2-3-.19(2) requires that a Family Child Care Learning Home shall provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants and one-year-old children when placed for sleep in a safety approved crib or in any other type of equipment approved for infant sleep. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that there was a beige blanket with a grey elephant hanging over the side of the crib. additionally, there was a blue and yellow stuffed toy in the crib, with a sleeping infant in the crib.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 12

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Date of Birth Missing -(08)(1),Parents Names Missing -(08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(08)(1),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (08)(1),Immunization Form - (08)(2),Emergency Medical Authorization - (08)(3),Allergy/Medical Information - (08)(4),Transportation Agreement - (08)(7),Release Person Information - (08)(10)

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Transportation Agreement - (.08)(7),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Transportation Agreement - (.08)(7),Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Transportation Agreement - (.08)(7),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3)

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Infant Feeding Plan - (.10)(4),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Transportation Agreement - (.08)(7),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3)

Child # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Transportation Agreement - (.08)(7),Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 7

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Transportation Agreement - (.08)(7),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)

Child # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Transportation Agreement - (.08)(7),Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 9 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(08)(1),Immunization Form -(08)(2),Physician & Emergency Contact Information -(08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(08)(1),Release Person Information -(08)(10),Transportation Agreement -(08)(7),Allergy/Medical Information -(08)(4),Emergency Medical Authorization -(08)(3)

Child # 10 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(08)(1),Immunization Form -(08)(2),Physician & Emergency Contact Information -(08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(08)(1),Release Person Information -(08)(10),Transportation Agreement -(08)(7),Allergy/Medical Information -(08)(4),Emergency Medical Authorization -(08)(3)

Child # 11 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Date of Birth Missing-.08(13),Name Missing-.08(13),Phone Numbers-.08(13)

Child # 12 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(08)(1),Immunization Form -(08)(2),Physician & Emergency Contact Information -(08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(08)(1),Release Person Information -(08)(10),Transportation Agreement -(08)(7),Allergy/Medical Information -(08)(4),Emergency Medical Authorization -(08)(3)

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 consultant's review that the Provider failed to upload the requested documentation by September 08, 2022 as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Facility

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on consultant's review that the Provider failed to upload the requested documentation by September 08, 2022 as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there were plastic trash bags in an unlocked cupboard under the diaper change station.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

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.

Food Service

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

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 consultant's review that the Provider failed to upload the requested documentation by September 08, 2022 as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the staff member on this date.

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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 the Provider provided care for more than six children for pay and had not made an application to the Department.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

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
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.11(1)(e) requires the Home and any vehicle used for transportation Children to have a first aid kit which at least contains: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and Staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times. It was determined based on observation that there was no first aid kit on the vehicle. Additionally, there were missing items in the first aid kit in the home.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2022

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.11(2)(m) requires written authorization for the Child to receive emergency medical treatment when the Parent is not available, shall be maintained in the vehicle. It was determined based on observation that the Provider failed to upload the requested documentation by September 08, 2022 as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

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 Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(7) requires that the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees with direct care responsibilities shall complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records that the Provider failed to upload the requested documentation by September 08, 2022, as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Recited on 8/31/2022

290-2-3-.08 Staff Training Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(14) requires that documentation of training be maintained in the Home and include the following: 1) title of training, 2) date of training, 3) number of clock hours obtained and 4) name(s) of trainers/sponsoring organizations. It was determined based on consultant's review that the Provider failed to upload the requested documentation by September 08, 2022 as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Recited on 8/31/2022

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 based on observation that there was one staff member providing care for 12 children for pay and not for pay. Additionally, the care was provided outside of the two designated one hour periods.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2022

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.