



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/21/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 2:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
08/21/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/11/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/03/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratio 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	6	3	0	3	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	6	0	4	0
Total Under 18 Years	7				
Children Present: 7 Total Children: 10 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3					

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/21/2023

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/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

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

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 requires that each crib and other equipment approved for infant sleep shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based upon observation that three out of four pack and plays had loose fitting sheets on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that each crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep has a tight-fitting sheet that is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(2) - Please ensure that toys are not left in the pack and plays.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

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

N/A

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(2) - Please ensure that immunization records are updated within 30 days of their expiration date.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Please ensure that Emergency Preparedness Plans are posted.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2023**Comment**

Home observed complete emergency drills

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 upon observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Children's Bathroom

- One vacuum was hanging on the back wall.
- One package of Kirkland premoistened wet wipes were on the back of the toilet.
- One opened box of Huggies wipes were on the floor.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023**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)**Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground on this date:

- Six bolts measuring over two threads were facing inside the playground located on the front left gate.
- Three and a half loose bricks were located inside a concrete planter located in front of the front middle fence.
- Two rail road ties were located inside a concrete planter located in front of the front middle fence.
- Four loose bricks were on ground to the left of the concrete planter.
- Thorny leaves protruding through the fence were located on the front right side of the fence.
- Two exposed tree roots were located to the left of the wooden barrier play area.
- The wooden barrier around the play equipment was splintered at the front left edge.
- One hose connected to a sprinkler tripod was located from the back porch to the middle of the yard.
- One unlit citronella candle and two cans of Off! Family Care Smooth and Dry Insect Repellent were located on the small table between the two rocking chairs.
- One rusted metal grilling spatula was located on the ground in front of the two rocking chairs.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2023

Recited on 8/21/2023

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based upon observation that the following sections of the fencing did not measure four feet as required on this date:

- The front left fencing measured at three feet and nine inches.
- The front middle fencing measured at three feet and ten inches.
- The back left fencing measured at three feet and six inches.
- The back middle fencing measured at three feet and five inches.
- The right middle fencing measured at three feet and five inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL <http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Health and Hygiene

290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/11/2023****Corrected on 8/21/2023**

.11(1)(i) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultants observed Staff members to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2023**Corrected on 8/21/2023**

.11(1)(j) - Correction in previous citation in that the Consultants observed the children present to wash their hands as required before lunch time.

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

Licensure

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The Consultants observed the Provider care for four unrelated children not for pay and three related children for pay on 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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

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

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.11 Prohibited Substances	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(I) - The Consultants and the Provider discussed adding an No Smoking sign to the posted notices area.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.