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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/4/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **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.
05/04/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/21/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on April 30, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on May 4, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

There were no children present or enrolled children during the virtual visit.
The program is not currently caring for children.
Required Reporting rule changes were discussed.
Nutrition and Supervision rule changes discussed.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decal.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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Clara Mitchell, 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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. There were no children enrolled during the virtual visit.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled during the virtual visit.

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

Met

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were n children enrolled during the virtual visit. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children when the program re opens.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Met****Comment**

290-2-3-.13(1)(d) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Storage of cleaning supplies and materials and supplies were discussed. There were no children enrolled during the virtual visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2021**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground rules and requirements were discussed. There were no children enrolled during the virtual visit.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled during the Virtual Visit.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled during the Virtual Visit. Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled during the Virtual Visit. The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children present during the Virtual Visit. Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated 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**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider there was no routine transportation provided.

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Staff Records

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

Consultant observed one home Provider and two home residents to have a valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the most recent Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021.

290-2-3-.08 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(14) - Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that the 10-clock hours of annual are completed each fiscal year as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2021

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

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