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	1776	Cover Sheet									
Date: 6	/22/2022 V	isitType: Monitorir	ng Visit	Arı	'ival: 1:0	0 PM D	eparture:	1:30 PM			
FR-3485	57					Regional	Consulta	nt			
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Mailing A Same	ddress										
Quality Rat	ted: ★ ★										
Cor	npliance Zone	Designation		Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring							
06/22/2022	Monitoring Vis	sit Good Standing	history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.								
11/23/2021	Licensing Stud	dy Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting								
04/14/2021	Monitoring Vis	sit Good Standing	Support Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.								
			Deficient			strating an accep	table level of	performance	in meeting		
Ratios/Lic	cense Capacity		L]		
Age Ranges		Children Pre	sent	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		4		5	0	0		0			
School Age(5+) Years		1		1	0	1		0			
Total Under 13 Years		5		6	0	1		0	4		
Total Und	er 18 Years	5							4		
Children P	Present: 5		Total Chi	ldren: 7							
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3		t: 3	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1								

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on this date with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An Administrative Review was conducted on June 23, 2022. Staff files, children's files, and background checks were all reviewed. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of the monitoring visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on June 23, 2022.

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, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u>, 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 a1 855-800-7747 or <u>qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</u> for more information. Free techincal 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)

Charlotte Beard-Battle, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

Date

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1776	Findings F	Findings Report					
Date: 6/22/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit	Arrival:	1:00 PM	Departure: 1:30 PM				
FR-34857			Regional Consultant				
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Mailing Address Same							
The following information is associated with a Monitor	ing Visit:						
		Activ	vities and Equipment				
290-2-312 Equipment and Supplies(CR)			Met				
Comment A variety of equipment and toys were observed.							
290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)			N/A				
Comment Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule wa	as not evalua	ted on th	is date)				
290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) N/A							
Comment Home does not provide swimming activities.							
			Facility				
290-2-311 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)			Met				
Comment No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.							
Comment An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was o	observed in th	ne home	this date.				
Comment Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in a	the home this	date.					
290-2-313 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)			Met				
Comment The Home appears clean and free from hazards.							
290-2-313 Playgrounds(CR)			Met				
Comment The outside area appears clean and well maintained.							

Health and Hygiene

Safety and Discipline

290-2-311 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)	Met
Comment	
Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.	
290-2-311 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	N/A
Comment	
There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.	
290-2-311 Medications(CR)	N/A
Comment	
Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed	
	Licensure

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

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The Provider was observed to provide care for three unrelated children for pay and two related children for pay on this date.

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

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Met

Staff Records

Met

N/A

Met

Met

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

Comment

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