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Cover Sheet

Date: 1/12/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 1:30 PM

Departure: 2:30 PM

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/12/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/19/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/19/2021	Monitoring Visit	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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	4	5	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	3	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	7	0	4	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				

Children Present: 6 Total Children: 11
 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 12, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 12, 2022 with the Provider, Debora Dawson. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consultant provided Authorization to Dispense Medication form.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/12/2022

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)

Debora Dawson, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, 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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the Provider appeared to have a variety of equipment and toys.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the consultant observed a pleasant naptime environment.

Comment

Provider stated knowledge of SIDS and proper infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

Per the provider, water activities involve sprinkler or no more than one inch of water.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

Child # 6

Met

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(1) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure enrollment forms include parent work information on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2022

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(2) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that enrolled children have updated immunization records within thirty days.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2022

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the Home appeared clean and free from hazards.

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 outside area appeared clean and well maintained.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Consultant observed documentation that menu meets guidelines established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program on this date.

290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(13) - Consultant discussed with the provider using thermometer in freezer and refrigerator to ensure food is stored at proper temperatures.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2022

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. During the virtual walk through, Consultant observed proper hand washing procedures.

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined based on observation that the changing table was cracked on the front left and front right corners on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the control of disease transmission, the Home Provider will change diapers in the child's crib or a nonporous surface. The diapering surface will be cleaned and disinfected between use with a single use disposable towel.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2022

Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(d) prohibits Personnel from dispensing prescription or nonprescription medications to a Child without specific written authorization from the Child's physician or Parent. All medications shall be stored as authorized by Georgia law or in accordance with the prescription or label instructions and kept in places that are inaccessible to children. Each dose of medication given to a Child shall be documented showing the Child's name, name of medication, date and time given, and the name of the person giving the medication. It was determined based on a review of the records that medication was administered between December 1, 2021 and January 12, 2022 without specific written authorization from the child's parent.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain written authorization before giving medicine to a Child; will document each time medicine is administered to a child; will store medicine as required in an area that is locked or not accessible to children; and will store medicine that must be refrigerated in a leak-proof container that is inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2022

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant observed six unrelated children present for pay on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

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. During the virtual walk through, Consultant observed age-appropriate discussion and redirection.

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

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**

Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.