

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 5/4/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 1:00 PM Departure: 2:45 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			
05/04/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	standing, support, and deficient.		
11/30/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Good Standing	 Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. 	
04/26/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	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)	1	0	0	0	1
1 & 2 Years	1	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	1
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	5	0	1	2
Total Under 18 Years	4			-	

Children Present: 4 Total Children: 8

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

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

Provider and children files were available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the report was conducted with the staff on this date. Consultant emailed a copy of the report to the provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/04/2023

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).

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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

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://qbi.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 <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> 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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Beatriz Harrison, Program Official	 Date	Charlene Story, Consultant	Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

	Activities and Equipment
290-2-312 Equipment and Supplies(CR)	Met
Comment Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.	
290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)	Met
Comment Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.	
Comment Pleasant naptime environment observed.	
290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	Met
Comment Home does not provide swimming activities.	
	Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children by using locks on cabinets.

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 consultant observation, several sticks lying on the ground.

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: 5/14/2023

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(6) - Consultant discussed with staff to ensure a menu is posted each week.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing of children was discussed with the staff 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)

Met

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.

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Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals Met

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed age-appropriate discipline with staff on this date.

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

Comment

Please replace or add missing or expired items in first aid kit.

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

Met

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined based on consultant's observation that staff member present and caring for the children without the provider present, did not have current CPR and first aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required CPR and first aid training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested. The Home will ensure that there is always a Staff person on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2023

290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)

Met

Comment

The facility does not currently have any independent contractors employed.

290-2-3-.07 Provisional Employees

Met

Comment

Observed compliance with the local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities on this date.

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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(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of staff files, the provider only had documentation for five (5) hours of annual training for the year 2022, instead of the ten (10 hours that are required by the department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2023

290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)

Met

Comment

The facility does not currently have any students-in-training employed.

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

Met

Comment

The facility does not currently have any volunteers employed.

Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

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

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Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

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

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