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Cover Sheet

Date: 1/20/2022 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM

Departure: 11:20 AM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/20/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/20/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/13/2021	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0 Total Children: 4
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

An in person visit was completed on January 20, 2022. Administrative review was completed on January 25, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/20/2022

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)

Maria Carbuccia, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, Consultant

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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)

Technical Assistance

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290-2-3-.12(7) - There were no children present at the time of the visit. Consultant discussed with the provider that the two and three shelves units created with milk crates need to be secured to the wall, or reduced to just one shelf so that they are not able to be pushed or pulled over. Additionally, consultant discussed that the pedestal karaoke machine needs to be secured to the floor.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. An Amendment for changing the ages served to exclude Infants was submitted on the day of the visit.

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Appropriate number of mats, sheets and covers were observed. Disinfecting discussed.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all required fields on the children's applications are completed and that each child regardless of sibling status has their individual enrollment form.

Facility

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on review of records that the Emergency Plans were addressing only fire and shelter in place and not all other required topics.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The consultant provided a copy of the emergency plan template on this date. The Home Provider will complete a written plan for all emergencies.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2022**Comment**

Home observed complete emergency drills

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - There were no children present at the time of the visit. Discussed with the provider to ensure that all potentially hazardous items such as toilet cleaning brush, air freshner and cleaning supplies need to be stored inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detectors were observed on all three floors as required in the home this date.

Comment

The provider reported no firearms in the home on 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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - There were no children present on the day of the visit. There was a five feet privacy fence around the area. The provider stated that the children are using a small portion of the yard. Consultant discussed with the provider that the portion used needs to be separated from the rest of the space or the whole backyard will be evaluated for compliance. The designated area needs to be clean and free from hazards.

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Correction Deadline: 1/30/2022

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(b) - There were no children present at the time of the visit. The consultant large trampoline with netting and a three step ladder that the children in care were allowed to occasionally use. Consultant discussed that trampolines are not allowed in child care settings. The provider will make the trampoline inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2022

Comment

There is no pool on the property

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://decalfga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Comment

The kitchen area was clean and well organized. Refrigerator and freezer temperatures met the requirements.

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no children present 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**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program. The provider submitted an Amendment for the ages served to include children ages three (3) years and up.

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

The provider reported no medication since the last visit and on this date. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Licensure

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based on review of records that there was no evidence of vaccination for one dog.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022

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

Currently there are no children present on the day of the visit. Appropriate discipline methods discussed.

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**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for the provider and two residents of the home. The provider reported no other residents ages 17 and up.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(27) requires that the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees shall not commit any criminal act, as defined under Georgia law, in the presence of any child enrolled in the Home and shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. It was determined based on review of records and interviews that the provider is caring for four (4) children when the home is limited to no more than three (3) children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant discussed with the provider that it is the local Zoning and Environmental Health Departments that had limited the capacity. The provider can inquire with the appropriate agencies if the limitation can be lifted and then submit an Amendment Application with the Department to change the licensed capacity. The Provider and Employees shall follow all applicable laws and regulations and shall not commit any crime in the presence of a child.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022

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 records that there was evidence of six and a half hours of annual training for 2021.

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: 2/19/2022

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Ratios discussed.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Appropriate supervision discussed.