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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/26/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 10:35 AM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/26/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/23/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/06/2020	Initial Licensing Study	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	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0	Total Children: 3
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 24, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on May 26, 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.

Additionally, Consultant discussed Rule changes that took effect on October 1, 2020 and emailed the Provider handouts with Frequently Asked Questions and related resources.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/26/2021

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)

Pilar Gonzalez, 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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

The provider is currently not caring for Infants, but plans to have Infants in the future. Consultant provided a copy of an Amendment Application for the provider to complete and submit for review by the Department. Additionally, Consultant observed one crib that was manufactured in June, 2012 to be compliant with the safety requirements.

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Discussed mats, sheets and covers disinfecting.

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

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Home observed complete emergency drills

Comment

The provider reported no firearms in the home.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(e) - Please ensure that the full length glass doors leading to the playground be marked at the eye level of the children to avoid accidental impact

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - Please ensure that all items that are potentially hazardous for the children are kept on high shelves or locked cabinets and inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

Comment

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

Comment

Operable smoke detectors were observed on both floors as required in the home 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****Comment**

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) - Consultant discussed with the provider to make sure that the fall zones and the depth of the resilient surface are as required:

Slides:

- A Minimum of four (4) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around entrance/ladder end of slide.
- A minimum of five (5) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around the exit and out from sides of slide at exit region.

Resilient Surface:

- * Three (3) inches of loose fill surfacing for equipment that measures between three and five feet high .
- * Six (6) inches of loose fill surfacing for swings and equipment over five feet high.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2021

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Please ensure that the fencing around the play area used by the children has a gate or is closed off by a barrier that is not hazardous.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

Comment

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

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

Comment

Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Comment

290-2-3-.10(5) - Discussed with the provider that a feeding chair needs to be available if the program cares for Infants.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(6) - Discussed with the Provider that the Home needs to provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week. Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu. Menus shall be retained at the Home for six (6) months.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

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. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Comment

The provider stated appropriate 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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Per Zoning and Fire Marshal the Provider can care for up to five children regardless of pay status. Current license was issued for ages 12 months through 12 years.

In order to care for Infants an Amendment Application needs to be submitted to the Department for review and approval. Consultant provided a copy of an Amendment Application to the provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date for one dog.

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

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Discussed appropriate discipline methods.

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 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 one resident of the home.

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 Provider Qualifications

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.07(2) - Discussed that per the requirements outlined in the Variance Application that was approved in April 2021, the Provider had six (6) months from the date Permission to Operate (PTO) was issued to enroll in classes to obtain the required credentials. PTO was issued on May 6, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the provider was unable to select classes and enroll until now. The provider will enroll in classes now and verification of enrollment will be kept on file and available for review at the next regulatory visit.

The provider was also required to submit an Application to become Quality Rated within six (6) months of the date PTO was issued. The consultant provided a link for the Application on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. 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 Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Health and Safety Orientation training and Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

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. Appropriate ratios discussed.

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

Met

Comment

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

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.