



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/9/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:50 PM **Departure:** 2:25 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/09/2022	POI Follow Up	Deficient
04/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/14/2021	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	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				

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

Comments

The purpose of the visit was for on-site POI/FU.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/30/2022

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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 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@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical 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)

Torii Fedrick, Program Official

Date

Cresia Jackson, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.19(2)(c) requires that infants shall only sleep in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep as described in 290-2-3-.19(1)(a) and shall not sleep in any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the facility asleep or fall asleep in such equipment or on the floor shall be transferred to a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep. It was determined based on observation that a nine-month-old infant was asleep in a swing and not moved to a safety approved crib as required.

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Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

Recited on 6/9/2022

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2022

Corrected on 6/9/2022

This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2022

Corrected on 6/9/2022

This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

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 observation that children had access to exposed concrete and a grill on the playground.

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Correction Deadline: 6/30/2022

Recited on 6/9/2022

Licensure

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on consultant observation that the provider was caring for seven children for pay.

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Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2021

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2021

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Not Met

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Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

Corrected on 6/9/2022

.21(1)(a) - The previous rule violation was observed to be corrected.

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed the requirements for volunteers.

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Corrected on 6/9/2022

.21(1)(c) - The previous rule violation was observed to be corrected.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(15) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that the provider cared for seven children for pay outside of the 2 hour designated hours approved by the Department.

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290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR) Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(17) requires at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination shall supervise Children at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means Staff members are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The person(s) supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. 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. Plans shall be made to obtain additional Staff help in cases of emergencies. It was determined based on observation that there was inadequate supervision when the helper left seven children in the front of the home unsupervised, while she watched television in the lower half of the day care area.

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