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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/1/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/01/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/17/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/27/2021	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	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	4	6	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	8	10	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	8				

Children Present: 8 Total Children: 12
 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on August 1, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by August 8, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director and a signature obtained after the walk through. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk-through visit. The annual review was completed on August 16, 2022, and a copy of the was emailed to the provider on this day.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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)

Donna Head, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

Date: 8/1/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2022

Corrected on 8/1/2022

(2) years of age or older .19(1)(b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no children sleeping in bouncy seats and cots were provided for each child two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

Corrected on 8/1/2022

.19(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The cots were covered to prevent children's access.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

Corrected on 8/1/2022

.11(2)(d) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The heater tower had been removed from the child care area.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

Corrected on 8/1/2022

.13(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The flooring in the bathroom had been repaired and the light fixture had a covered light bulb.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

Corrected on 8/1/2022

.13(1)(e) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All outlets had protective covers.

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 there were the following hazards:

- Two children's toy lawnmowers were cracked and broken with sharp edges exposed.
- A sandbox was full of moldy water.
- Thorny vines were growing along the fence inside the playground.

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: 8/16/2022

Recited on 8/1/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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 Staff Qualifications(CR) **Met**

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training **Defer**

Defer

290-2-3-.07(9)-This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when annual training for calendar year 2022 will be reviewed. Annual training for calendar year 2021 was reviewed during the February 17, 2022, Licensing visit.

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: 3/19/2022

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.