



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/3/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Table with Compliance Zone Designation header and rows for dates 05/03/2023, 11/18/2022, and 05/05/2022, all with 'Good Standing' status. Includes definitions for Good Standing, Support, and Deficient.

Summary table with columns: Age Ranges, Children Present, Child For Pay, CAPS, Not for Pay, Provider Children. Includes rows for Infant, 1 & 2 Years, 3 & 4 Years, School Age, and Totals. Includes summary text for Children Present, Total Children, Caregivers/Helpers Present, and Total Caregivers/Helpers.

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow-up to previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/03/2023

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.



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://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)



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 technical assistance is available!

Larisha Oglesby, Program Official

Date

Princess Walton, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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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

Comment

Consultant observed mats to be in good condition.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

Corrected on 5/3/2023

.08(9) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed the sign-in and sign out sheets.

Facility

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that door to the washer and dryer was open which also had Tide liquid wash and and bottle of Clorox which were accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

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

The Home appears clean.

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 the AC was not fully enclosed. The fence around the AC was bent and had 2 inch open which could be a potential hazard to the children in care.

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: 5/19/2023**Recited on 5/3/2023****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment, which is adequately maintained by the Home to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the mulch under the climber on the playground is 2 inches and less than the required 6 inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that there is an adequate resilient surface under and in the fall zone of climbing and swinging equipment. The Home will inspect equipment and resilient surfacing material regularly and repair or replenish as needed.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) - Handwashing was discuss with the provider helper.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) - Discussed with the helper to ensure changing table is sanitize.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

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**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/18/2022****Corrected on 5/3/2023****.07(8) - Previous citation was corrected.**

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**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/18/2022****Corrected on 5/3/2023****.07(7) - Previous citation was corrected.****Correction Deadline: 12/18/2022****Corrected on 5/3/2023****.07(9) - Previous citation was corrected.****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.