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Date: 1/5/2021 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 11:00 AM

FR-9900106181

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
01/05/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/10/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/08/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	9	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	0	7	0	0	1
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 10 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 5, 2020 and all criminal record checks were reviewed. A virtual visit was conducted on January 6, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed.

New rule updates were discussed with the provider.

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.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), 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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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

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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

A variety of toys were observed. Cleaning and disinfecting of toys and equipment was discussed.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Cleaning and disinfecting of mat/cots was discussed.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Swimming requirements were discussed with the provider.

Facility

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

Defer

Defer

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The outside area appeared to be clean and maintained.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Handwashing procedures were discussed on this date.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children were present at the time of the visit.

Safety and Discipline

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(n)-This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit as a virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and not children were present at the time of the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children were present at the time of the visit. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed.

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

Transportation requirements were discussed.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Evaluated****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

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. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

No children were present at the time of the visit. Ratios were discussed.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children were present at the time of the visit. Regulations regarding supervision were discussed and the new supervision and meal time requirements were discussed.