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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/14/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/14/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/11/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/30/2021	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)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	4	6	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	6	8	0	0	1
Total Under 18 Years	6				

Children Present: 6	Total Children: 9
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/14/2022

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)

Cristina Libby, Program Official

Date

April Brown, 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

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

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the provider on this date.

Finding

290-2-3-.19(4) requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation mat sheets and blankets were not stored properly as they were touching each other.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that the storage of mats and/or cots meets requirements.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met
Child # 9	Met

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Consultant discussed with the provider to document the review of the emergency plans every six months as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

Technical Assistance

Please ensure all hazardous materials are in locked areas or inaccessible to children as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Comment

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

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards 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 a vacuum cleaner, uncovered grill and bucket of standing water were present on the porch which was in route to the playground. Additionally, vegetation was protruding through the fence.

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: 9/24/2022

Comment

Consultant discussed with the provider that the outside area and toys must be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the playground fence is closed at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.10(3) requires a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age be obtained from Parent(s). Instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the main child care area and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records the infant feeding plan for one infant enrolled was incomplete as it did not contain the instructions for the introduction of solid foods as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures on this date.

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

Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed at this time.

Licensure

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

Comment

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

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based on a review of records that the canine's vaccinations expired on February 8, 2021.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the provider a plan to ensure that the canine does not have access to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2022

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation at this time.

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 the last visit which was completed on March 11, 2022.

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete on this date.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR with an expiration date of August of 2023.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Provider observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Not Met****Comment**

The provider completed health and safety training on November 15, 2020.

Finding

290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records the provider completed eight hours of training instead of 10 hours of annual training as required.

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: 12/30/2022

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.