

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 4/6/2021 VisitType: Complaint Investigation by Arrival: 2:45 PM Departure: 3:10 PM Phone

CCLC-18144

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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		
04/06/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	g standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting		
10/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	Support Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting		
10/31/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.		

Ratios/License Capacity

Comments

The complaint investigation was conducted via telephone and not in person due to COVID-19.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/06/2021

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
10/11/	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.

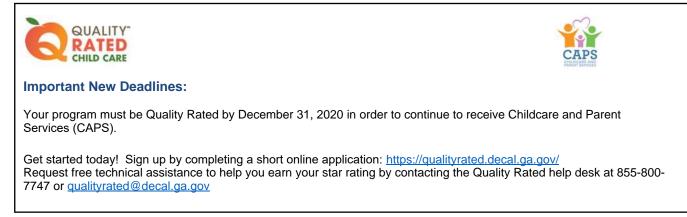
- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

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)



Joshua Potters, Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, Consultant

Date

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation by Phone:

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Finding

591-1-1-.08(4) requires Center Staff to consider information pertaining to children confidential and not to release such information without first obtaining written permission signed by the Parents except to share relevant information among caregivers, with members of the Department or with other persons authorized by these rules or the law to receive such information, or with other persons in an emergency situation involving the child. It was determined based on an investigation that on March 23, 2021, center staff failed to maintain confidentiality, when a video which contained three-year-old children was shared with a parent of an enrolled child.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will review confidentiality requirements with Center staff and volunteers.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2021

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Not Met