

# 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: 4/1/2020 VisitType: Complaint Closure from Arrival: 12:25 PM Departure: 3:35 PM

visit on 02/10/2020

**CCLC-730** 

Jan's Family Day Care Center

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**Mailing Address** 

Same

Quality Rated: No

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		history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good	
Complaint Closure		standing, support, and deficient.	
Complaint Investigation Follow Up		Support	<ul> <li>Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> <li>Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting</li> </ul>
Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in mediane the rules.	- Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting
	Complaint Closure  Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Complaint Closure Good Standing  Complaint Investigation Follow Up  Good Standing	Complaint Closure Good Standing Standing, support  Complaint Investigation Follow Up  Monitoring Visit Good Standing  Good Standing  Support

#### Comments

02-10-2020: The purpose of the visit was to conduct a complaint investigation.

## Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



Please refer to the website, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a> 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) I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers, 591-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services. Jan Whetstone, Program Official Date Date Tasha McDonald, Consultant



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# **Summary Report**

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

**Children's Records** 

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. During an investigation, it was determined that on February 5, 2020, center staff failed to maintain a file for a one-year-old child in care.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2020

**Health and Hygiene** 

**Not Met** 

## **Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.07(1) requires Center Staff to not accept a child nor allow a child to remain at the Center if the child has the equivalent of a 101 degrees Fahrenheit or higher oral temperature and another contagious symptom, such as but not limited to, a rash, diarrhea or a sore throat. When a child shows symptoms of illness during the day, the child shall be moved to a quiet area away from other children where the child shall be supervised and provided the necessary attention until such time as the child leaves the Center or is able to return to the child's group.

It was determined that on February 5, 2020, center staff allowed a one-year-old child to remain in the classroom with a 101.6 temperature with other children present.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will make Center Staff and parents/guardians aware of this requirement and will not allow children with the listed symptoms to attend or remain in the Center while ill. Center Staff will identify a quiet area for ill children and develop a plan for supervision.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2020