



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/21/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

**FR-54626**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
09/21/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/08/2021	Initial Licensing Study	NA

**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)	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	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	0				

Children Present: 0    Total Children: 0  
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1    Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 8, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on September 21, 2021. The exit conference was conducted virtually on September 23, 2021, at 8 am with Lensie B. Wolde. Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the Consultant. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. The program did not receive Permission to Operate on September 8, 2021.

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.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.

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#### 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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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.

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**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.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Lensie Wolde, Program Official

Date

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Melissa McFarlin, Consultant

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## Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.12(1) - Provider will ensure a variety of toys and learning aids are provided, removed from packaging and made accessible to children during operating hours.

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2021**

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

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)2 -Crib mattresses observed during the Initial Licensing Study on September 8, 2021 and the Initial Licensing Study on September 21, 2021 were porous. During the Initial Licensing Study on September 21, 2021 the consultant saw proof via a receipt that non porous crib mattresses were purchased and would arrive by October 19, 2021. Non porous crib mattresses must be purchased and made available prior to accepting children to ensure compliance with safe sleeping and resting requirements. The Home Provider must submit an amendment to enroll and care for Infants.

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2021**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.19(1)b3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If individually marked, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on the consultant's observation, that sheets for cots were not made available during the Initial Licensing Study on September 8, 2021 and the Initial Licensing Study on September 21, 2021. During the Initial Licensing Study on September 21, 2021 the consultant saw proof via a receipt that the cot sheets were purchased. Sheets must be purchased, laundered and made available prior to accepting children to ensure compliance with safe sleeping and resting requirements.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure sheets are purchased, laundered and made available to ensure compliance with safe sleeping and resting requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2021**

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

A visit was conducted on this date, Home does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

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<b>Facility</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

A visit was conducted on this date, operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home.

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

A visit was conducted on this date, the Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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**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 the consultant's observation, overgrown vegetation and exposed tree roots were present throughout the play area. Playgrounds should be maintained and free of hazards that may cause injuries to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will remove 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: 10/1/2021****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on the consultant's observation, that the bottom wooden boards on the wood fence in the rear of the patio area and the right side of the patio area by the gate were observed to have gaps at the bottom of the fence. A gap 3.5 inches or more serve as an entrapment hazard. The gaps present a hazard to children and cause the fencing to no longer be considered a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four (4) foot high fence, repair the gaps and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced.

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2021**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

**Comment**

A visit was conducted on this date, staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the Consultant. The overall licensed capacity is six (6) children at any given time.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

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

**Comment**

Please ensure the First Aid Kit is complete.

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

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the provider decides to incorporate transportation. The provider will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

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**Staff Records**

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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Six (6) of six (6) criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

A visit was conducted on this date, staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children present in the program. Consultant discussed ratios with the Provider on this date.

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

Currently there are no children present in the program. Consultant discussed direct supervision with the Provider on this date.