

## 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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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation				
01/15/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
08/15/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
02/07/2019	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

- Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

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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	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	7	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	7				•

Deficient

Children Present: 7 Total Children: 7

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

#### More than 6 for pay

6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notorized no-pay statement

#### Comments

Reminder: There is a capacity limitation of 5 children due to county rules and regulations.

Please be sure to review the rules and regulations for updates.

Provided updated orientation checklist to the provider.

Reminder that all helpers, volunteers etc...must have a file.

Emergency Preparedness emailed to the provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/15/2020

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, <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)





## **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: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

Cheryl Dotson-McClain, Program Official	Date	Dianne Clarke, Consultant	Date



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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

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

**Records Reviewed: 7** 

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child #1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1), Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1), Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1)

Child #5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1), Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)

Child # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1), Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1), Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of records that child # 1, #5 and #6 were missing their parent's work phone numbers and child # 5 and #6 were missing their emergency contact information. Also, child #2 and #3 did not have evidence of a file.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

## Correction Deadline: 1/16/2020

#### Recited on 1/15/2020

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(12) requires that documentation for the care of related children in the Home, other than the Providers own children, include a notarized statement of family relationships by the Parent(s). It was determined that based on a review of records that the provider did not have evidence of documentation for child #3 whom the provider stated was their grandchild.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

#### Correction Deadline: 1/15/2020

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that child #6 did not have current evidence of immunization records.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2020

Facility

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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on a review of records that there were no written plans for handling emergencies posted.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will complete a written plan for emergencies.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2020

## Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the fire drill was not recorded for December 2019.

### 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: 2/14/2020

#### Comment

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

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

Met

#### Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Met

#### Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

## 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 Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.04(2)(f) requires the Family Child Care Learning Home to comply with restrictions regarding care, services, number and/or age of Children as noted on the License. It was determined based on observation that there were seven children present when there is a capacity limitation of five due to the county rules and regulations. There were six unrelated and one related child present.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

Care as noted will be discontinued; the Home will comply with the restrictions of the License.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2020

#### Recited on 1/15/2020

# **Safety and Discipline**

## 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

## 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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 last visit

#### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

#### 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

#### **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 that the provider did not have ten hours of annual training for 2019.

#### 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: 2/14/2020

# **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.