

## 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 |                  |               |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| 01/24/2018                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |  |  |
| 09/06/2017                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |  |  |
| 04/26/2017                  | Monitoring Visit | 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

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)    | 3                | 3             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years          | 2                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years          | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 1                 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 5                | 5             | 0    | 0           | 1                 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 5                |               |      |             | •                 |

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 6

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

#### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/24/2018

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before January 1, 2017. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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:gualityrated@decal.ga.gov">gualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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|                                     |      |                            |      |
| Barbara Dion Shea, Program Official | Date | Courtney Moody, 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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

# **Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 6** 

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1** 

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Not Met

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

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

Child #3

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 review of records that one of five enrolled children had an immunization records on file that expired in October 2017.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2018

Facility

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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)

**Technical Assistance** 

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Please ensure to adjust the hot water temperature for the handwashing sink near the diaper changing area.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2018

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

N/A

Comment

No medication is 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 this date.

**Safety and Discipline** 

290-2-3-.11 Animals Met

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

#### Comment

Complete kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

#### 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(i) allows that a Provider may accept a satisfactory determination letter issued by the Department for a potential Employee (including a Student-in-Training with a Records Check Clearance Date before January 1, 2016) as sufficient evidence of that individual's Satisfactory Records Check Determination if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, and the Provider does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined that an employee was hired January of 2018 to work within the center. The center was observed to have a satisfactory clearance letter that was issued from our Department May 2016. The clearance was observed to be older than one year, therefore it is no longer considered to be portable. The staff member must obtain a new clearance letter. A one day letter was left with the center.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that all portability requirements are met.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2018

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

# 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

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.