

# 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: 1/25/2017 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 1:00 PM Departure: 2:20 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation				
01/25/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
08/02/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
01/26/2016	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.

tne rule: **Support** - Program

- 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)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	7	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				

Children Present: 6 Total Children: 9

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

# Comments

The provider stated that no new staff or no new residents reside at the home on this date. The provider has completed health and safety orientation on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/25/2017

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).



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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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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)

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# **Findings Report**

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# The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

	Activities and Equipment
290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)	Met
Comment Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position	
Comment Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment	
290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	N/A
Comment No Swimming Activities Provided	
	Children's Records
290-2-308 Parental Authorization(CR)	Met
, ,	Wet
Comment Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed	
	Facility
290-2-311 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
Comment Observation-No Hazards Accessible	
290-2-313 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)	Met

Comment

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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

**Not Met** 

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2016

#### Corrected on 1/25/2017

It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the provider has covered up the conrete with dirt, removed the rake and broom, and removed the bicycle seat.

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) 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 there was a four inch gap was located on the back middle section of the play area causing a potential entrapment hazard.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2017

Licensure

# 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the provider met registration requirements in that the provider was caring for six children for pay on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2017

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

### Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

Met

#### Comment

No transportation.

**Staff Records** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

#### Comment

No new hires

# 290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)

Met

#### Comment

No Independent contractors

290-2-307 Other Staff Direct Contact with Childre	n(CR) Met
Comment	
Other direct contact staff- Satisfactory records check	
290-2-307 Students-in-Training(CR)	Met
Comment No Students-in-training	
290-2-307 Volunteers(CR)	Met
Comment	
No Volunteers	
	Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

# Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision