



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/23/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 2:30 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
02/23/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/25/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/03/2016	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.

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	3	3	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	5	5	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	8	8	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	8				

Children Present: 8

Total Children: 9

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

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More than 6 for pay

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

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/23/2017

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).

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.



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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.

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: <http://decal.ga.gov/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.

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)

Cathrene Howard, Program Official

Date

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Leslie Pettis, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

Not caring for infants

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

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR) **Met**

Comment

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

Facility

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

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Comment

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(b) - Please ensure that the fencing measured at least four feet around.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2017

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - On this date the provider cared for eight children (six unrelated for pay and two related not for pay).

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2017

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

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

Met

Comment

No Independent contractors

290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)

Met

Comment

No additional staff

290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)

Met

Comment

No Students-in-training

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

Met

Comment

No Volunteers

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision