

# 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:** 3/1/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:10 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation					
03/01/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
09/27/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
02/17/2016	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.

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

Children Present: 2 Total Children: 12

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

## **Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a montoring visit and to follow up on the previous visit from September 27, 2016. The fingerprint requirements were discussed with the provider as well as the comprehensive background check.

A one-day letter was left on this date.

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).



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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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- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
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- 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)

Augustine Awuah, Program Official	Date	Alva Huff, Consultant	Date



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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)

N/A

Comment

Child #5

No Swimming Activities Provided

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 12 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Child # 10 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1)(a) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes the Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, Home and business addresses and telephone numbers. It was determined, based on a review of records that the Provider did not have this information completed for two of two enrolled children.

## **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will secure the missing information, and to ensure that children's records are completed for future enrollees, the provider will ensure all information is obtained and completed prior to enrollment.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2017

## 290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1)(j) requires the Home to maintain documentation, which need not be filed in the Child's individual record, that the Child has been signed in and out of the Home at each arrival and departure time by the Parent or authorized person(s). The documentation will include at least the following information: the Child's name, date, drop-off and pick-up times, and initials of the Parent or other authorized person. The Home shall ensure that Children are only released to authorized person(s), and shall take necessary steps to determine that any such person(s) presenting to pick up a Child in care is authorized by the Parents of the Child and that person matches the identifying information provided by the Parent. It was determined, based on an observation that the provider did not have documentation of sign in and out records on this date.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will develop, if needed, and implement sign-in and out procedures that include all required information, will inform Parents of the procedures and will monitor to ensure Children are signed in and out as required. The Home will check records and identification and take any additional steps necessary to ensure children are released to authorized persons.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2017

## **Facility**

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

Met

#### Comment

Consultant observed an operable smoke detector and fire extinguisher within the home on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

290-2-3-.13(1) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that all items that state " keep out of reach of children" are kept inaccessible to children in care.

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

Met

#### Comment

Outside Area Clean, Well Maintained

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

290-2-3-.04(1)(a) - Consultant observed the provider's current 2017 license posted on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2017

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

#### Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

#### Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

N/A

#### Comment

No transportation.

Staff Records

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(a) requires the Home to ensure that the Provider, every actual and potential Employee and Provisional Employee has a Satisfactory Records Check Determination before the individual is present at the Home while any child is present at the Home. It was determined, based on a review of records that an employee hired March 1, 2017 did not have a satisfactory records check determination on file.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the required satisfactory records check determination(s). The Home will ensure that the Provider, every actual and potential Employee and Provisional Employee has a Satisfactory Records Check Determination. The Provider, Employees, and Provisional Employees MUST have a Satisfactory Records Check Determination to reside in and be at the Home when a child is present for care.

#### Correction Deadline: 3/1/2017

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(e) requires every Employee hired before January 1, 2014 must have either a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination or a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file. If the Employee has only a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check, the Employee must obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017. It was determined, based on an review of records that two employee hired before January 1, 2014 did not have fingerprint records check determination letters on file.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that every employee has a Satisfactory Determination as required by the Rules.

## Correction Deadline: 3/1/2017

290-2-307 Independent Contractors(CR)	Met
Comment	
No Independent contractors	
290-2-307 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)	Met
Comment	
No additional staff	
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-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs