



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/21/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:35 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**FR-000010220**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/21/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/06/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/05/2016	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 the 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	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	1	8	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	1				

Children Present: 1

Total Children: 8


Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

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**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/21/2017

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).

	<p><b>Reminder:</b> All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before <b>January 1, 2017</b>. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="http://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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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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](mailto: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.

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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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Linda Whitehead, Program Official

Date

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Sondra Paster, 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**

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

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

N/A

**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)**

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant emailed the provider a copy of the emergency response plan example from the Bright from the Start website (www.dec.al.ga.gov). The provider will ensure that the home's emergency plan reflects are the required changes.

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2017**

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 observation that the fencing camouflage covering was observed to be unsecured at the bottom which poses a potential hazard for children during outside play.

**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 secure the bottom covering over the fencing to ensure no hazards are present to children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017**

<b>Licensure</b>
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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

The provider was observed to meet registration requirements on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017**

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

**Comment**

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

No transportation.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

**Comment**

No new hires

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**290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)****N/A****Comment**

No Independent contractors

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**290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

No additional staff

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**290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

No Students-in-training

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**290-2-3-.07 Volunteers(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

No Volunteers

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

**Comment**

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs