



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/30/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 1:20 PM    **Departure:** 2:35 PM

**FR-000001520**

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| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 03/30/2017                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 11/16/2016                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |
| 01/04/2016                         | Licensing Study  | 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)           | 2                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years                 | 1                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                 | 4                | 3             | 0    | 1           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years        | 0                | 0             | 0    | 1           | 2                 |
| <b>Total Under 13 Years</b> | 7                | 6             | 0    | 2           | 1                 |
| <b>Total Under 18 Years</b> | 7                |               |      |             |                   |

Children Present: 7

Total Children: 10

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

**Comments**

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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|  | <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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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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Sonia Howard, Program Official

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**

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

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

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

### Children's Records

**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/18/2016**

**Corrected on 3/30/2017**

**.08(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the center had evidence of age-appropriate immunizations on file for each child enrolled on this date.**

**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

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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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Outside Area Clean, Well Maintained

**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - The provider and a helper were observed to provide care for six unrelated children for pay and one related child for no pay.

**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2017**

**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

Pleasant Interactions Observed

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No transportation.

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

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

**Comment**

No Independent contractors

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

**Comment**

No additional staff

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(4) - Please ensure all staff have completed the mandatory Health and Safety Orientation Training.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2017**

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

**Comment**

No Students-in-training

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

Met

**Comment**

No Volunteers

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

Met

**Comment**

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs