



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 6/16/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 1:05 PM

**Departure:** 2:20 PM

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
06/16/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/30/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/19/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	5	6	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	5				

Children Present: 5

Total Children: 6

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1


Total Caregivers/Helpers: 6

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study. Consultant reviewed criminal records check process with the provider.

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).

	<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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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
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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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Patty Armstrong, Program Official

Date

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Jacquelyn Sims, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### 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**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(2)(c)18 - Provider stated that she did not have liability insurance and consultant printed forms for the provider to have signed by parents of all enrolled children.

**Correction Deadline: 6/16/2017**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

**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 a review of records, that sign in/out records were incomplete for the month of June.

**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: 6/16/2017**

<b>Facility</b>
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**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Outside Area Clean, Well Maintained

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

**Comment**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - Consultant observed the provider to care for six children.

**Correction Deadline: 6/16/2017**

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

**Comment**

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

**Comment**

No Routine Transportation Provided

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**290-2-3-.08 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(5) - Consultant discussed criminal records check requirements and provider was made aware that she could contact the consultant for further assistance once she decides to complete the process before the January 1, 2019 deadline.

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

No new hires

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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 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 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

Observed-Adequate Supervision