



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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Date: 6/30/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/30/2020	Initial 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 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)	1	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				

Children Present: 1

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Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3

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Comments

This was a VIRTUAL visit.

Congratulations! This home was granted permission to operate on this date.

This licensed home does not carry liability insurance. A sign is posted on the posted notice board.

COVID-19 Childcare Programs Checklist Guidance was emailed and received with the provider 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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> , for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
 Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

Cynthia Armster, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

This was a VIRTUAL visit. On this date, Consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the home, to be non - hazardous, fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2020

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

Met

Comment

On this date, consultant observed one (1) crib used for sleeping and resting, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2020

Comment

Consultant observed five (5) mats measuring two (2) inches thick as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2020

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

Met

Comment

On this date, the provider stated that the program will not participate in swimming activities. Consultant discussed swimming requirements with provider, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to provider that prior to participating in swimming activities, in water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the provider is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review swimming rules.

Facility

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

This was a VIRTUAL visit. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Provider stated there are no firearms stored in the home.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2020**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

Comment

Provider stated there are no flammable liquids, such as gasoline or kerosene stored in the home.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2020

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

This was a VIRTUAL visit. The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

This was a VIRTUAL visit. The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Health and Hygiene

290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant observed diapering areas to meet requirements and discussed diapering requirements with provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures on this date and prior to the visit.

Licensure

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

Application requirements reviewed with the provider on this date.

Comment

The home will care for six (6) occupants.

Safety and Discipline

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant observed the center's discipline policy and discussed regulations regarding proper discipline with the provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

The Provider stated that the home will not provide routine transportation and field trips at this time. Consultant discussed with provider, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to provider that prior to providing transportation and/or field trips, the home is required to maintain current documentation of CPR and First - Aid training, complete two (2) clock hours of transportation training, regarding the provider and any home - helper staff participating in any aspect of transportation, ensure all transportation/field trip checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met, and contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all transportation and field trip requirements.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

On this date, consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding three (3) residents. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Proper ratios discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Proper supervision discussed with the provider on this date.