



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 7/31/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:20 AM

**FR-000001489**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/31/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/22/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/26/2017	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 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)	5	2	0	3	0
1 & 2 Years	4	4	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	9	7	0	4	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	9				

Children Present: 9

Total Children: 11

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

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**Comments**

Provider provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Provider stated that the home does not participate in transportation, field trips, or medications.

On this date the consultant emailed the provider a copy of the emergency preparedness template as well as new fire drill log that included all drills that needed to be conducted.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/31/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/22/2018**

**Corrected on 7/31/2018**

**.08(11) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/22/2018**

**Corrected on 7/31/2018**

**.08(2) - Previous citation observed corrected.**

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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**
**Not Met**
**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on the consultant's review that the home did not have an updated plan for handling emergencies.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will complete a written plan for emergencies.

**Correction Deadline: 8/10/2018**
**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) - Please ensure that tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months.

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2018**
**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.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**
**Met**
**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2018**
**Corrected on 7/31/2018**

.13(2)(c) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**
**Technical Assistance**
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290-2-3-.11(1)(f) - Please ensure that the diaper changing surface is nonporous. On this date the consultant observed the provider using the quilted side of the diaper changing pad.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2018**
**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Provider stated that no medication is being dispensed.

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**Licensure**

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

Met

**Comment**

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

**Comment**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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

Met

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Provider provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Defer

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290-2-3-.07(6)- Annual training will be reviewed at the next licensing study conducted in 2019.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will obtain the required annual training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

**Correction Deadline: 4/21/2018**

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.