

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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**Date:** 8/7/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 2:30 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation				
08/07/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
02/17/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
07/19/2016	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

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Deficient

- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

rules.

- 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	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	1	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	6	1	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 8

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

## Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/07/2017

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).



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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.

#### 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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)

Abigail Jones, Program Official	Date	Rena Keene, 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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Observed a variety of equipment and materials and observed that they were clean and safe.

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

Met

#### Comment

290-2-3-.19(2)(c) - Two cribs are available for the two infants enrolled in the program and both beds for infant sleep conform to ASTM standards.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2017

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

Met

#### Comment

Child #1

No Swimming Activities Provided

# **Children's Records**

### **Records Reviewed: 8**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6** 

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Not Met

Release Person Information - (.08)(1)(i), Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)(b),Release Person Information - (.08)(1)(i),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(1)(i), Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(1)(i), Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.08(1)(i) requires the Home to maintain the name of person(s) to whom the Child may be released in each Child's record. Such information shall contain the authorized person's address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent, and other identifying information. It was determined based on a review of staff records that three of the five children in care did not have all required information listed for the persons to whom each child can be released.

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of children's records that complete information for persons to whom the children could be released was not on file for three of the five children whose records were reviewed. Additionally, the name and telephone number of one child's doctor was not on file.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Home will review records; determine if all required information is completed; obtain any missing information; and have a plan to maintain complete records/forms for each Child as they enroll or as changes occur.

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2017

#### Recited on 8/7/2017

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(11) requires that if the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients, the Home must notify the Parent of each Child under the care of the program in writing. Each Parent must acknowledge receipt of such notice, and a copy of the acknowledgement shall be kept in the Child's file. It was determined based on a review of children's records that statements were not on file signed by each child's parent acknowledging that the home was not covered by liability insurance.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation. A copy of the parental acknowledgement form and notice to post given to provider during visit.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2017

Facility

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

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

Met

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Met

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Met

Comment

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures - Provider stated that medications are not administered to children in care.

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - 2017 License was observed to be posted and provider not caring for more than six unrelated children.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2017

**Safety and Discipline** 

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

Met

#### Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

**Staff Records** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2017

### Corrected on 8/7/2017

.21(1)(e) - Evidence of satisfactory comprehensive background checks observed for both adults who reside in the home. Provider stated that no other adult resides in the home and no other adult is employed by the provider.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

Met

#### Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision