



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/9/2017

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 1:45 PM

Departure: 2:55 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
08/09/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/30/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/16/2016	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 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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	0	0	1	2
Total Under 13 Years	5	4	0	1	1
Total Under 18 Years	5				

Children Present: 5

Total Children: 7

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3


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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

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>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. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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: <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)

Sonia Howard, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

Date

Stacy Whitten, Consultant

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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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR) **Met**

Comment

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

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

Comment

Not caring for infants

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

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

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

Provider is not currently dispensing medication.

Licensure

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

Comment

The provider cared for four unrelated children for pay and one related child for no pay on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

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

Comment

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

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

Comment

Observed-Documentation of Annual Training

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment

Appropriate Ratios Observed

Comment

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs