



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

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

**Date:** 8/30/2019    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 10:30 AM

**FR-51656**

**Mitchell-Wells, Senobia M.**

1004 East 39th Street Savannah, GA 31401 Chatham County  
 (912) 604-2065 nobimitchellwells@yahoo.com

**Regional Consultant**

Brianne Walters

Phone: (912) 544-9775

Fax: (912) 544-9774

Brianne.Walters@decal.ga.gov

**Mailing Address**

Same

**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/30/2019	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)	0	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
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	0				

Children Present: 1

Total Children: 0

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

The program was issued permission to operate this date. The program did not have liability insurance, the posting was visibly posted.

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

Senobia Mitchell-Wells, Program Official

Date

Brianne Walters, Consultant

Date



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

### Findings Report

**Date:** 8/30/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

**FR-51656**

**Mitchell-Wells, Senobia M.**

1004 East 39th Street Savannah, GA 31401 Chatham County  
(912) 604-2065 nobimitchellwells@yahoo.com

**Mailing Address**  
Same

**Regional Consultant**

Brianne Walters

Phone: (912) 544-9775

Fax: (912) 544-9774

Brianne.Walters@decal.ga.gov

The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Care was not provided for any infant required to be in a crib. The provider will only care for children 1 year old and walking and older.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There is no pool on the property

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. A working fire extinguisher and smoke detector were observed. The provider stated there are no firearms in the home.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

### Health and Hygiene

---

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider.

---

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

**Comment**

Diapering rules were discussed during the visit.

---

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

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

---

**Licensure**

---

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

**Comment**

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

---

**Safety and Discipline**

---

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection discussed.

---

**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit** **Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(e) requires the Home and any vehicle used for transportation Children to have a first aid kit which at least contains: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and Staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times. It was determined based on observation that the first aid kit lacked scissors, tweezers, thermometer, insect sting preparation, protective eyewear, and a facemask.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will replace any missing items in the first aid kit, keep the instruction manual and written universal precautions with the kit and will check the kit regularly. The Home will store the kit where children will not have access to it.

**Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019**

---

**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

No transportation will be provided.

---

**Staff Records**

---

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

Criminal records checks was observed as required for the provider. At this time, the provider stated there are no other adults residing or working in the home.

---

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Comment**

The provider has submitted a variance for the education credential. The provider has supplied documentation of having a comparable credential.

**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019**

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
---

---

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Staff:child ratios discussed during the visit.

---

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Supervision rules discussed.