



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/5/2018 **VisitType:** Technical Assistance **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/14/2018	MV POI Follow Up	Deficient	
05/29/2018	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
05/01/2018	Monitoring Visit	Support	

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
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0

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Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

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Comments

The provider and the Technical Assistant Consultant met on this date to discuss progress of action steps. The provider stated that she had paid one of her fines, but is unable to open the larger one. She stated that she called Atlanta and was told that it is not open yet. She stated that she will keep trying to access the fine for payment as agreed upon.

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. 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@decals.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://decals.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.decals.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@decals.ga.gov

Gwendolyn Miller, Program Official

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Linda A. Barge, Consultant

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Children's Records

Rule: 290-2-3-.08(13) Documentation of the non-pay status

Plan of Improvement: The provider will obtain and maintain documentation of the non-pay status of related and unrelated children in care for whom no pay is received shall be maintained and shall include a notarized statement by such child's Parent(s) attesting to the non-pay status by August 17, 2018.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	The provider will obtain and maintain no pay forms for all no pay children.	Ms. Miller	08/17/2018	In-Progress		The Technical Assistant Consultant observed no pay for two grandchildren who are no longer here. They were visiting from Maryland. They have gone back to school. This action step has been completed. The Technical Assistant Consultant will continue to monitor this action step for compliance and maintenance.	09/05/2018

Rule: 290-2-3-.04(1)(d)License Application-Requirements

Plan of Improvement: The provider will ensure that Any person that care is not provided for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a License to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(6) by August 17, 2018.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	The provider will reduce the number of children that care is being provided for to children children for pay.	Ms. Miller	08/17/2018	In-Progress		9/5/18 The provider stated that she is caring for six children. The Technical Assistant Consultant observed six children present on this date. The Technical Assistant Consultant will continue to monitor this action step for compliance and maintenance.	09/05/2018

Rule: 290-2-3-.05(c)False/Misleading Statements

Plan of Improvement: The provider will ensure that False or Misleading Statements are not made. No Provider shall make or condone any Provisional Employee or Employee making false or misleading statements to the Department in connection with any authorized investigation or inspection being conducted by the Department by August 17, 2018.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	The provider will give correct information to the consultant regarding the number of children enrolled.	Ms. Miller	08/17/2018	In-Progress		9/5/18 On this date the Technical Assistant Consultant observed six children present for pay. The Technical Assistant Consultant asked the provider how many children she had present on this date and she stated that she had six children present on this date. The Technical Assistant Consultant will continue to monitor this action step for compliance and maintenance.	09/05/2018

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Rule: 290-2-3-.07(11)More than six unrelated children present

Plan of Improvement: The provider will ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional Children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval by the Department by August 17, 2018.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	The provider will ensure that the total number of children present for pay not exceed six children.	Ms. Miller	08/16/2018	In-Progress		9/5/18 The provider stated that she has ensured that the total number of children present for pay not exceed six children. The Technical Assistant Consultant observed six children present on this date. The Technical Assistant Consultant will continue to monitor this action step for compliance and maintenance.	09/05/2018
2	The provider will keep a running list of the number of enrolled children so that hours and times no overlap.	Ms. Miller	08/16/2018	In-Progress		9/5/18 The provider is maintaining a daily sign in sheet to ensure that the number of children do not exceed six and that the hours and times of care do not overlap. The Technical Assistant Consultant will continue to monitor this action step for compliance and maintenance.	09/05/2018