



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/6/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/06/2019	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
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0

Total Children: 0

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

Permission to operate was not granted on this date.

The provider does not carry liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/06/2019

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

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)



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

Merba Chamizo, Program Official

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the brown bookshelf in the dramatic play area was observed to be not secured and unsteady.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will remove the shelf from the room or secure it to the wall.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2019

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

Met

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program.

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.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Facility

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant's observation of the kitchen that the following items were found to be accessible to children:

- Knives of various sizes located in unlocked drawers
- A lighter in an unlocked drawer
- Cleaning solutions were in an unlocked cabinet including: Windex, drain cleaner, Lysol wipes, and Spic and Span cleaning spray. All items stated "Keep out of reach of children"

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will install child locks on all cabinets and drawers in the kitchen where hazardous items are stored.

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(g) There were no firearms in the home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2019**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.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on consultant's observation, the following items were found to be accessible on the playground:

- Lawn mower
- Weight bench and free weights
- Exercise bike
- Broken glass
- Miracle grow that stated "Keep out of reach of children"
- Car battery
- Grill
- Rusted plant stands
- Broken wooden desk
- Old fruit that contained flies and bugs
- A pile of wood boards
- Exposed tree roots throughout play area
- Tree limbs and branches
- Undergrowth of vines and foliage throughout play area

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will install an orange construction fence around the designated play area in the yard so that children do not have access to hazards in other areas.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program.

Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(d) prohibits Personnel from dispensing prescription or nonprescription medications to a Child without specific written authorization from the Child's physician or Parent. All medications shall be stored as authorized by Georgia law or in accordance with the prescription or label instructions and kept in places that are inaccessible to children. Each dose of medication given to a Child shall be documented showing the Child's name, name of medication, date and time given, and the name of the person giving the medication. It was determined based on consultant's observation that various prescription medications were being stored in an unlocked drawer in the kitchen and accessible to children. There were no children present on this date and medication was not observed to be handled by children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will store medicine as required in an area that is locked or not accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

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**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. The provider stated that redirection would be used.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation. If the provider decides to provide transportation, she will notify her regional consultant as well as obtain the mandatory two hour transportation training.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The consultant observed satisfactory comprehensive record check determinations for the provider and two (2) adults living in the home on this date.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Appropriate ratios were discussed on this date.

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

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Appropriate supervision was discussed on this date.