



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 9/17/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:40 AM    **Departure:** 11:50 AM

**FR-9900104854**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
09/17/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/29/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/07/2017	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 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)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	4	4	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	4				

Children Present: 4

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Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1


Total Caregivers/Helpers: 5

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on March 29, 2018.

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><b>Reminder:</b> All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before <b>January 1, 2017</b>. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="http://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. 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.

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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](mailto: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.

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

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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**

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

**Comment**

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

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Please be mindful of the expiration dates of the children's immunization certificates.

### Facility

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**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) Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed monitoring the playground area for excessive leaves and standing water after inclement weather and as the season changes from Summer to Fall.

**Food Service**

**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack. Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL - <http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> and USDA - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/>

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**

The provider does not administer any medications at this time.

**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant advised the provider that beginning October 1, 2018:

- That local background checks (with purpose code "W") will no longer be accepted (no more 21-day provisional employment).
- Everyone must have at least a fingerprint-based background check letter before they can be present at the center to care for children.
- The new definition of Provisional Employee includes those with only a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination. People with this type of clearance are allowed on site, but must be under the direct and continuous supervision of a Director or Employee with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination.
- A new comprehensive background check must be run for anyone who has had a lapse of employment in the child care industry that lasts 6 months or longer (Students-in-Training are considered "employed in the child care industry" if they've been enrolled in a child care related curriculum.).
- Letters will only be accepted at a new facility if they are "ported" electronically.

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit was conducted on March 29, 2018.

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.