

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

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Date: 10/29/2019 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 9:50 AM Departure: 10:55 AM

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Same

09/26/2018

**Quality Rated: No** 

			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 go			
10/29/2019	Monitoring Visit		standing, support, and deficient.			
04/16/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.			

Support Deficient Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

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the rules.

#### **Ratios/License Capacity**

Monitoring Visit

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				•

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 5

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Good Standing

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up to the previous visit on April 16, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/29/2019

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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).

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

**Not Met** 

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2019

Corrected on 10/29/2019

.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed complete records for the five children records observed on this date.

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on review of records that one of five children had an expired immunization form on file on this date.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019

Facility

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

#### 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)

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 observed throughout the Home.

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

#### 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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 firt aid kit provided did not include: triangular bandages, insect sting preparation, cleansing solution, protective eye wear, cold pack, tweezers, and protective face mask on this date.

#### **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: 10/31/2019

Recited on 10/29/2019

## 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Met

#### 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

#### Comment

Criminal records checks was observed to be complete for provider on this date.

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Defer

#### Defer

290-2-3-.07(6)-Training will be evaluated during the 2020 licensing study.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019

# Corrected on 10/29/2019

.07(12) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed the provider to have five children present at the home 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.