

# 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: 11/12/2019 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 8:45 AM Departure: 11:00 AM

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Compliance Zone Designation				
11/12/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
02/07/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
09/20/2018	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.

- Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

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

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	3	6	0	0	1
Total Under 18 Years	3			-	

Deficient

Children Present: 3 Total Children: 7

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4

## Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/12/2019

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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

Ednna Barrera Buitrago, Program Official	Date	Stacy Whitten, Consultant	Date



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# **Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment** 

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

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Comment

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

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

Met

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Naptime and sleeping practices were discussed on this date. Provider stated knowledge for hygiene and laundry practices.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

**Children's Records** 

**Records Reviewed: 7** 

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

**Not Met** 

## 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 a review of records that there was not evidence of up to date immunization certificates for two enrolled children 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: 11/12/2019

# Facility

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

Met

#### Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

# 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)

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Met

## Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. The provider dispenses medication, but had not had any recent medication dispensed on this date.

Licensure

# 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

# Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The provider cared for three unrelated children for pay on this date.

# Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals Met

#### Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

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

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit Met

#### Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

# 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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Consultant observed evidence of satisfactory comprehensive background checks for the provider and all helpers and residents of the home on this date.

#### Commen

Provider provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

#### 290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

#### Comment

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

# 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

Met

# Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each Staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

# Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date. The provider cared for three unrelated children for pay 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.