



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/29/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 3:15 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

**FR-33208**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
11/29/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/12/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/10/2017	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	2	2	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>	5	5	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	5				

Children Present: 5

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Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

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**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/29/2018

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

Angelese Levesy, Program Official 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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.12(3) requires furniture and equipment to be kept clean and in a safe usable condition. It was determined based upon the Consultant's review that the outdoor swing is chipped off on both ends exposing bolts. Also the outdoor furniture love seat is dirty and needs to be cleaned.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider advised that she will purchase mats to go under the swing to ensure a resilient surface.

**Correction Deadline: 11/29/2018**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.12(6) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be placed so as to permit the children's freedom of movement and to minimize danger of accident or collision. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that the stereo system and speakers on the screened deck is stacked on top of a speaker that could be hazardous to a child if bumped or ran into. In the playroom the dresser in the corner with the drawers open holding supplies and other materials was reachable by children and could be a hazard

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will rearrange any unsafe furniture and/or equipment and will place so as to permit children's freedom of movement without accidents or collisions.

**Correction Deadline: 11/29/2018**

**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**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on the Consultant's review of the children records that 3 out of 5 records were incomplete in that the emergency contact information was not provided.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2018****Recited on 11/29/2018**

<b>Facility</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based upon the Consultant's observation that although there is a working smoke detector in the hallway there is not a smoke detector on each level of the home.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The home provider will ensure that a working smoke detector is on each floor and a working fire extinguisher is available in the child care area as required, and is maintained inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 12/9/2018**

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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Provider the need to put away a plunger and toilet brush, and personal hygiene items so that they are not accessible to the children.

**Correction Deadline: 11/29/2018**

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment, which is adequately maintained by the Home to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that there was no resilient surface under the outdoor swing.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure that there is an adequate resilient surface under and in the fall zone of climbing and swinging equipment. The Home will inspect equipment and resilient surfacing material regularly and repair or replenish as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 12/9/2018**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Correction Deadline: 4/12/2018****Corrected on 11/29/2018****The Consultant observed feeding plans for all infants present.**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Provider the importance of using hand soap and water instead of wipes when washing hands when the children arrive.

**Correction Deadline: 11/29/2018**

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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**Licensure**

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

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

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**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Animals****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based upon the Consultant's observation that a small dog was present in the home without vaccination information.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

**Correction Deadline: 11/29/2018**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(o) requires the Home control pets and other animals to maintain proper sanitation and ensure animals are not a hazard to anyone. No animal that may be vicious is permitted on the premises while children are present. Farm animals cannot be housed within 500 feet of the home. It was determined based upon Consultant's observation that the dog outside in the yard was a Pit/Bulldog mix and the immunization records advised that the dog is a Pitbull.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that proper sanitation is maintained and that animals are not a hazard to anyone on the premises of the Home. Any animal that may have a vicious propensity, shall not be allowed on the premises of the Home any time children are present. Any farm animals on the property, must not be housed within 500 feet of the Home. The provider stated that she will find another location for the dog to be housed while children are present.

**Correction Deadline: 12/9/2018**

**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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Staff Records****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**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.