

# 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: 9/13/2021 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 11:30 AM

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**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 good
standing, support, and deficient.

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Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

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.

09/13/2021 Licensing Study Good Standing
02/18/2021 Monitoring Visit Good Standing
09/23/2020 Licensing Study Good Standing

**Compliance Zone Designation** 

### Ratios/License Capacity

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	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				

Children Present: 6 Total Children: 6

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

### **Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 13, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 13, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/13/2021

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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:gualityrated@decal.ga.gov">gualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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### **Findings Report**

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### The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

# 290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR) 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 Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Comment

There is no pool on the property

## **Children's Records**

Records Reviewed: 6	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

Child # 6

Met

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

Met

### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

### 290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

Met

### Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Facility** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Please ensure that the home has an updated written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2021

### 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.

**Food Service** 

### 290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

**Technical Assistance** 

### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(3) - Please ensure that the home is using the updated written infant feeding plan. Instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the main child care area and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2021

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

### Comment

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

N/A

### Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Met

### Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

### Comment

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

# **Safety and Discipline**

290-2-3-.11 Animals N/A

### Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider 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)

N/A

### 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 were observed to be complete.

### 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 Provider Qualifications

**Technical Assistance** 

### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(5) - Please ensure that prior to assignment to children or task, the Provider must receive initial program orientation.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2021

### 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

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

# **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.