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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/24/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/15/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/20/2019	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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	3	4	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	3				

Children Present: 3    Total Children: 4  
 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1    Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 24, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in-person visit was conducted on February 24, 2021 due to Provider internet issues.

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Bobbie Sims, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Consultant

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.  
An in person walk through was conducted on this date.

**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

**Records Reviewed: 3**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

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

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.  
An Administrative Review was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.  
An Administrative Review was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**Facility**

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.  
An in person walk through was conducted on this date.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.  
An in person walk through was conducted on this date.

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that playground to be well maintained and kept free of hazards such as grass, plants or vines growing around the fence area.

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2021**

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**Food Service**

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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 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> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Proper hand washing was discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

**Comment**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

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

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

**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.  
An in person walk through was conducted on this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.  
Consultant observed a bird being kept in a bird cage.

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

**Comment**

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

**Comment**

Please replace or add missing or expired items in first aid kit.

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

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.  
An Administrative Review was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.  
An Administrative Review was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any independent contractors employed.

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**290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any additional staff employed.

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**290-2-3-.07 Provisional Employees** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed compliance with the local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities on this date.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training** **Met**

**Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation was observed by the consultant for the annual year 2020. An Administrative Review was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any students-in-training employed.

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**290-2-3-.07 Volunteers(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any volunteers employed.

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<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.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.