



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/27/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM

**Departure:** 11:45 AM

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| 01/27/2020                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 07/10/2019                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |
| 01/17/2019                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |

**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   | 5                | 7             | 1    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years   | 2                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years  | 0                | 6             | 0    | 1           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years  | 7                | 15            | 1    | 1           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years  | 7                |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 7 Total Children: 16<br>Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2         |                  |               |      |             |                   |
| <b>More than 6 for pay</b><br>6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/27/2020

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/Regulations.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://www.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)

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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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. The children mats were stored as required.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 7**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Child # 1 | Met     |
| Child # 2 | Met     |
| Child # 3 | Met     |
| Child # 4 | Met     |
| Child # 5 | Not Met |

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4)

**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 6

Met

Child # 7

Met

**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1) -Ensure that the children allergy information is transferred from the infant feeding forms and documented on the enrollment form. Also ensure the Providers name and not the name of the daycare is on all emergency medical authorizations and permission to take of the premises.

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

Home observed complete emergency drills

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher and smoke detector was observed 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)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on observation that there was chipping white paint on the wooden boards on the ground that separates the shed from the children play area.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will repaint the boarder and monitor for chipping paint,

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2020**

**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)****N/A****Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

**Licensure**

**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on a review of records that there were seven children for pay present.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. T

**Correction Deadline: 1/27/2020****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**

The provider was observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

**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**

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 Staff Qualifications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/17/2019****Corrected on 1/27/2020****.07(6) - The previous citation has been corrected.****Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation for the year 2019 observed.

**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(15) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval approved by the Department. It was determined based on a review of records that there were seven children unrelated to the Provider present.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

**Correction Deadline: 1/28/2020**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.