

# 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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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation				
02/12/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
11/19/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
05/20/2019	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.

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

 Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

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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	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	2	0
3 & 4 Years	1	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	3	6	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	9	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	6		-		

Children Present: 6 Total Children: 12

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

#### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 12,2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on February 19,2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15,2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Discussed Rule Changes that were effective October 1, 2020.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/12/2021

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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William Beckworth, Program Official	Date	Kesha McNeal, Consultant	Date

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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) Comment Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) 290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) N/A 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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2021

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### 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

Met

# Comment

290-2-3-.10(3) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2021

#### Comment

290-2-3-.10(8) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2021

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2019

# Corrected on 2/12/2021

.11(1)(m) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the provider and the helper stated that children sleep on mats or cots with a cover as required.

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Met

#### 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 Met

# 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 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

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined based on the consultant's review that the provider or employee did no have current biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid as required.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required CPR and first aid training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested. The Home will ensure that there is always a Staff person on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2021

#### 290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(5) - Please ensure that the Provider and all Employees and Provisional Employees have initial program orientation.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2021

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

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 August 15,2020.

## 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

290-2-3-.07(17) - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during meal times and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2021

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.