

# 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				
10/26/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
01/08/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
07/31/2019	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	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0 Total Children: 3

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

## **Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 26, 2020. Staff files, annual trainings, children's records, and criminal record checks were all reviewed. A virtual visit was conducted with the Provider on October 29, 2020. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Complaince with the Executiv Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed during the virtual walk through.

A copy of the new infant feeding plan was emailed to the provider as well as resources on the new rules.

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).

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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)





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## **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:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

Allison Amey, Program Official	Date	Brandi Mangino, Consultant	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-.09 Activities Defer

#### Defer

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that children less three years of age do not spend more than 1/2 an hour in confining equipment and shall be allowed floor time daily.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2020

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2020

Corrected on 10/26/2020 .12(3) - Citation corrected.

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

A virtual visit was conduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

## **Children's Records**

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that the fathers information is on the enrollment application or N/A is placed in the area by the parent.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

#### 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.

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## 290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

A virtual visit was conduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2020

Corrected on 10/26/2020 .13(2)(d) - Citation corrected.

**Food Service** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

## **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the new infant feeding plan is filled out and updated as needed.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

**Not Evaluated** 

#### Comment

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

A virtual visit was conduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

## Comment

Handwashing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed.

A virtual visit was conduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

#### Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

**Not Evaluated** 

#### Comment

A virtual visit was conduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

**Not Evaluated** 

#### Comment

A virtual visit was conduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed with the provider. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

## 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

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the provider during the virtual walk through. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020.

Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

**Not Evaluated** 

#### Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

290-2-307	Supervision(CR)
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Met

## Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)