



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/19/2018      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 9:10 AM      **Departure:** 10:30 AM

**FR-000003815**

**Thomas, Vera M**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/19/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/09/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/19/2017	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)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	4	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	<b>6</b>				

Children Present: 6      Total Children: 7  
 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1      Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4

**Comments**

This Monitoring Visit is the first regulatory visit for Vera M. Thomas this 2018 - 2019 fiscal year.

The provider stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided.

The consultant discussed the Quality Rated Program with the provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/19/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>  
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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

Vera Thomas, Program Official

Date

Connie Boatright, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

**290-2-3-.09 Activities**

**Met**

**Comment**

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities inside and outside of the residence.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

**Comment**

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 6**

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

Child # 1

Met

**Records Reviewed: 6**

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

Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Comment**

The consultant observed four children to be present and four children to be signed in on the date of this visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

It was determined based on the consultant's observation that three children did not wash their hands when returning inside of the providers home from the outside playground area. Additionally, two children did not wash their hands when arriving at the center.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The provider stated no medications are administered.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2018**

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**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.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**290-2-3-.20 E-mail Contact Information**

**Met**

**Comment**

The provider has a valid email address on file.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2018**

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**290-2-3-.06 Parental Access**

**Met**

**Comment**

The consultant observed a parental access notice to be posted on the parent bulletin board.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2018**

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(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.

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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.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

The consultant observed the provider to have a certificate of completion for Health & Safety and Orientation posted on the parent bulletin board.

<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)****Not Met****Finding**

It was determined based on the consultants observation that the provider was outside on the playground supervising three children and a one-year-old child was inside sleeping with no supervision.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2018**