

## 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: 🌟



Compliance Zone Designation				
08/08/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
01/10/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
08/07/2018	Licensing Study	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	5	5	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	12	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	7		_		-

Children Present: 7 Total Children: 12

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

More than 6 for pay

6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notorized no-pay statement

#### **Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/08/2019

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

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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)

Not Met

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.19(1)(a) requires that the Home shall provide either a safety approved crib or other equipment that is approved for infant sleep for each infant (any child under the age of twelve (12) months or any child who is under eighteen (18) months of age who is not walking), who cannot climb out of the crib or other approved equipment. Each crib shall be safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards; any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a portable crib, playpen, play yard or bassinet, shall be in compliance with current ASTM Standard Consumer Safety Specifications for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs/Play Yards. It was determined based on observation that there was a four month old infant allowed to sleep on a pillow on the floor and in an infant rocker in the child care area.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will remove any noncompliant cribs and provide a safety approved crib or other equipment that is approved and in compliance with the CPSC and ASTM standards for infant sleep for each infant in care.

## Correction Deadline: 8/8/2019

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 requires that each crib and other equipment approved for infant sleep shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that there a six month old infant sleeping in equipment approved for infant sleeping with a loose fitting sheet.

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## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that each crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep has a tight-fitting sheet that is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2019

#### Finding

290-2-3-.19(2)(c) requires that staff shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based .on observation that there was an infant allowed to sleep with a bottle in the crib during naptime with a bib around their neck.

#### **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2019

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

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

#### Comment

There is no pool on the property

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 7	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0	
Child # 1	Met	
Child # 2	Met	
Child # 3	Met	
Child # 4	Met	
Child # 5	Met	
Child # 6	Met	
Child # 7	Met	
290-2-308 Children's Records	Me	
Comment Records were observed to be complete and we	Il organized.	
290-2-308 Parental Authorization(CR)	Me	
Comment Parent authorizations obtained/completed.		

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there was a bottle of wine stored on the desk in the child care area. There was also a broom and dustpan stored near the cubbies.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2019

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1)(e) prohibits the use of multiple plugs and electric extension cords. Electrical outlets within reach of children shall be plugged or covered. It was determined based on observation that there were four outlets not covered in the area where children were sleeping during naptime.

#### **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will not use multiple plugs and electric extension cords and will check regularly to ensure electrical outlets are plugged or covered.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2019

## 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 exposed concrete located at the bottom of wooden fencing in the outdoor playarea.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2019

#### Recited on 8/8/2019

**Food Service** 

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

Met

#### Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 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 flvers.

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

**Health and Hygiene** 

290-2-311 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)	Met
Comment Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.	
290-2-311 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
Comment Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.	
290-2-311 Medications(CR)	Met
Comment Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed	
	Licensure
290-2-304 Application Requirements(CR)	Met
Comment Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.	
Safety	and Discipline
290-2-311 Animals	Met
Comment The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.	
290-2-311 Discipline(CR)	Met
<b>Comment</b> Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.	
Comment Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.	
290-2-311 First Aid Kit	Met
Comment Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home	
290-2-311 Transportation(CR)	Met
Comment The provider does not provide routine transportation.	
	Staff Records
290-2-321 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
Comment Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.	

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

Not Met

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.07(5) 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. This training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. It was determined based on a review of records that one helper did not complete CPR and First Aid training.

#### 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.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2019

#### 290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The facility does not currently have any independent contractors employed.

#### 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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

"290-2-3-.07(4) requires the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment. Staff members must complete the training within the first 90 days of employment. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases; prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster, or threatening event such as violence at the facility; handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; and precautions in transporting children (if applicable).

It was determined based on a review of records that one helper did not complete Health and Safety Orientation.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete the required training and will ensure any Employees complete the training. The Provider will develop a plan to ensure that any new Employees complete the training as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2019

#### Finding

290-2-3-.07(6) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee, current evidence of successful completion of ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is related to the care of children and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department approved source annually. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training programs shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that one helper did not complete annual training for 2018.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual 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.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2019

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

Met

#### Comment

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

## 290-2-3-.07 Volunteers(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The facility does not currently have any volunteers employed.

# **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)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.07(14) requires at least one Adult with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination to supervise Children at all times and requires plans to be made to obtain additional adult help in cases of emergencies. It was determined based on observation that a two-year-old child was alone and unsupervised three times without adult supervision.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that either the Provider or at least one Adult with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination supervises the children at all times. The Home will develop or update a plan to obtain additional adult help in case of an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2019