



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/12/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 11:00 AM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/12/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/12/2019	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**

<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>Children Present</b>	<b>Child For Pay</b>	<b>CAPS</b>	<b>Not for Pay</b>	<b>Provider Children</b>
<b>Infant (0-11 mos)</b>	1	1	0	0	0
<b>1 &amp; 2 Years</b>	1	3	0	1	0
<b>3 &amp; 4 Years</b>	1	3	0	0	0
<b>School Age(5+) Years</b>	2	2	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	5	9	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	5				

Children Present: 5	Total Children: 11
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4

**Comments**

An Administrative REview was conducted on May 12, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemix. Compliance with the Executive Order issued May 28, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/06/2020

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/RulesAndRegulations.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://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)**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Consultant and provider discussed sanitation of toys during the virtual walk through according to the Executive Order.

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

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2019**

**Corrected on 5/12/2020**

**.19(4) - Citation observed to be corrected during the virtual walkthrough. The provider had sheets and mats stores in bags that where the items were not touching.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

The provider stated that no swimming activities are provider.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1

Met

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

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

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Please ensure that all immunizations are current. The provider had one child that had been unable to obtain shots.

**Correction Deadline: 6/9/2020**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that children's records are fully completed. Based on a review of records two records were missing if the children had any allergies or special needs.

**Correction Deadline: 6/9/2020**

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2019**

**Corrected on 5/12/2020**

**.11(2)(f) - Citation corrected as no hazards were observed through the virtual walk through on June 24, 2020.**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on a virtual walk through on June 24, 2020 and provider stated that the Family Child Care Learning Home did not have a working fire alarm.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The home provider will ensure that a working smoke detector is on each floor and a working fire extinguisher is available in the child care area as required, and is maintained inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 6/16/2020**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

A virtual visit was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the walk through items were stacked next to the a pack and play where an infant sleeps that posed a falling hazard. Consultant discussed with the provider the items would need to be moved.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards were observed on the playground during the walk through.

**Food Service**

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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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

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**290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations****Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Meal times were discussed with the provider to be in accordance with the Executive Order.

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

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the walk through the provider stated that temperatures were being taken but not recorded and a sign for parents to STOP at the door was not displayed. The paperwork was sent to the provider on June 24,2020 for it to be posted and implemented.

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

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

During and Administrative Review on May 12, 2020 the provider stated that no medication has been dispensed since the last regulatory visit.

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

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<b>Licensure</b>
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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the walk through the provider had five children for pay present.

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

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**290-2-3-.05 Inspections & Investigations****Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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

**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulation regarding proper discipline were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 6/16/2020**

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

The provider stated that no transportation has been provided since the last regulatory visit.

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

**Staff Records**

**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Based on staff and resident list provided by the provider and those present during the virtual visit all staff and residents have a current criminal record check.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/16/2019**

**Corrected on 5/12/2020**

**.07(8) - Citation observed to be corrected.**

**Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR and the providers helpers were certified.

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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****Correction Deadline: 11/16/2019****Corrected on 5/12/2020****.07(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.****Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed for the staff members and provider.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratios were observed as two staff members were present with five children.

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

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff were present and providing a watchful oversight during the virtual walk through.

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