



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/28/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 12:20 PM

**Departure:** 2:00 PM

**FR-000005849**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
11/28/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/30/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/24/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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	0	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	6	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	7	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 8 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4					

**Comments**

This was the first visit of the fiscal year.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/28/2018

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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://www.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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/30/2017**

**Corrected on 11/28/2018**

.19(1)(a)3 - Previous citation was correct on this date. Provider does not currently care for infants.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of children's records that the immunization certificate for one of eight children enrolled was expired.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

**Correction Deadline: 12/7/2018**

<b>Facility</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

<b>290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

<b>290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**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 a wooden sign on the playground with nails exposed that are accessible to the children. It was further determined that there are two active ant beds on the playground.

**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: 12/8/2018**

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

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

<b>290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

<b>290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Provider does not dispense medication.

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.11 Animals</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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

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<b>290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 11/30/2017**

**Corrected on 11/28/2018**

**.21(1)(e) - Consultant observed comprehensive criminal records check for all staff members.**

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<b>290-2-3-.07 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 12/30/2017**

**Corrected on 11/28/2018**

**.07(5) - Consultant observed current CPR and First Aid cards for all staff members.**

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Training</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**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 employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will 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 an observation that the providers spouse was without Health and Safety Training on this date.

**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: 12/7/2018

Recited on 11/28/2018

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

**Met**

**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-.07 Supervision(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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