



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 9/5/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:55 AM

**Departure:** 11:30 AM

**FR-000007828**

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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.
09/05/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/17/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/27/2017	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	2	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	3	4	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	3				
Children Present: 3 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1					
Total Children: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/05/2018

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://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)

Arlentia Giddens, Program Official

Date

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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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based consultant's observation that a 34 inch television was placed on top of a three-drawer plastic cabinet accessible to the children and was not secured in a way that would prevent it from tipping over.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will secure any identified equipment and/or furniture to prevent from tipping or falling over on a child. The Home Provider will ensure that all potentially dangerous equipment is maintained secure.

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2018**

**Recited on 9/5/2018**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2017**

**Corrected on 9/5/2018**

**.19(2)(h) - Provider is currently not caring for infants.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/27/2018

Corrected on 9/5/2018

.11(2)(h) - It was observed that the fire extinguisher was in proper working order.

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

Reminder to keep all potential hazards out of the reach of children.

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290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/31/2017

Corrected on 9/5/2018

.13(2)(b) - It was observed that there was no climbing and swinging equipment in the play area.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2018

Corrected on 9/5/2018

.13(2)(b) -It was observed that he Provider removed the climbing and swinging equipment.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2017

Corrected on 9/5/2018

.13(2)(c) - It was observed that the outside play area had a protected barrier at least four feet in height. Provider currently uses the side porch for the outdoor play area.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2018

Corrected on 9/5/2018

.13(2)(d) - The Provider currently uses the side porch as the outdoor play area which has a protected barrier at least four feet or higher.

Health and Hygiene
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290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/17/2018

Corrected on 9/5/2018

.11(1)(i) - Proper hand washing procedures were observed and discussed.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2018

Corrected on 9/5/2018

.11(1)(j) - Proper hand washing procedures were observed and discussed.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

No medication administered at this time.

Licensure
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290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/20/2017

Corrected on 9/5/2018

.04(1)(d) - Provider cared for three children for pay.

## Safety and Discipline

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2017

Corrected on 9/5/2018

.21(1)(a) - Comprehensive satisfactory records check on file.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## 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)

Met

**Comment**

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.