

# 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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Date: 2/25/2019 Arrival: 9:55 AM Departure: 12:10 PM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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Quality Rated: 🤺





Compliance Zone Designation					
02/25/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
11/27/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
02/01/2018	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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	2	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	6	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	9	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	4		-	-	

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 10

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

#### Comments

The consultant spoke with the provider about the new criminal background check enforcement effective March 1, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/25/2019

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>

Khadijah Farmer, Program Official	Date	Laurel Benta, Consultant	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-.09 Activities Met

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2018

Corrected on 2/25/2019

.09(5) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed no children confined on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2018

Corrected on 2/25/2019

.12(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed blue tape over the tears in the clue couch.

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 4 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1 Not Met

### **Records Reviewed: 4**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1** 

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2), Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

Child # 4 Met

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1) - Please ensure all children files have medical information documented.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2019

### **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(11) requires that if the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients, the Home must notify the Parent of each Child under the care of the program in writing. Each Parent must acknowledge receipt of such notice, and a copy of the acknowledgement shall be kept in the Child's file. It was determined based on a review of records that one child record did not have a liability acknowledgement form on file.

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

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2019

Recited on 2/25/2019

**Facility** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2018

### Corrected on 2/25/2019

.11(2)(f) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant did not observed any hazards in the children's cubby.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2018

### Corrected on 2/25/2019

.13(1) - The previous citations were corrected on this date. The consultant observed wall to be painted, the towel rack was repaired and attached to the wall, no plastic bags in children's cubbies and no push pin on the floor.

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

**Not Met** 

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2018

# Corrected on 2/25/2019

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant did not observed any hazards on the playground.

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Please monitor the bottom of fencing for gaps.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2019

### **Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that the front right side fence had a gap between the fence and the wooden beam that measure eight inches which created an entrapment hazard near the wooden patio.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2019

### Recited on 2/25/2019

Healt	h and Hygiene
290-2-311 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)	Met
Comment Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing time and procedures. procedures.	
290-2-311 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
Comment Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.	
290-2-311 Medications(CR)	Met
Comment Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.	
	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 Discipline(CR)	Met
Comment Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.	
290-2-311 Transportation(CR)	N/A
Comment	

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**Staff Records** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.21(1)(k) - Please ensure that comprehensive satisfactory background check is ported electronically for the provider.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2019

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/27/2018

### Corrected on 2/25/2019

.07(5) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The provider stated that the employee is no longer employed.

### 290-2-3-.07 Provisional Employees

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2018

## Corrected on 2/25/2019

.07(18)(e) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The provider stated the employee is no longer employed.

# 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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.