

# 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: 12/15/2017 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Arrival: 10:10 AM Departure: 12:40 PM

Follow Up

FR-000008766

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**Quality Rated: No** 

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Compliance Zone Designation					
12/15/2017	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing			
11/20/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
06/13/2017	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** - Progra

- 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)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	11	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4		-		

Children Present: 4 Total Children: 11

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

#### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/15/2017

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).



Reminder: <u>All</u> employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1**, **2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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>

Brenda Harris, Program Official	Date	Rukiya Thomas, Consultant	Date



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#### **Findings Report**

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# The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

# **Children's Records**

Records Reviewed: 4	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met

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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

290-2-3-.08(12) requires that documentation for the care of related children in the Home, other than the Providers own children, include a notarized statement of family relationships by the Parent(s). It was determined based on the provider's statement that one child in care did not have a notarized statement of family relationships by the parent(s). The provider stated that the child was her second cousin.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2017

Food Service

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.10(5) requires that infant formula bottles be labeled with the individual child's name. Any unused formula or milk shall be discarded or returned to the Parent at the end of the day. It was determined based on observation that all infant formula bottles were not labeled with the child's individual name.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will check bottles each day to determine if they are already labeled with the Child's name and will label those that are not. The Home will dispose of any unused formula or milk or return it to the Parent at the end of the day.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2017

Recited on 12/15/2017

**Safety and Discipline** 

290-2-3-.11 Animals Not Met

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based on the provider's statement that the pet vaccination records for the dog had expired.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2017

Recited on 12/15/2017

**Staff Records** 

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Defer

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This rule violation will be evaluated during the regulatory visit in 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: 12/20/2017