

# 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: 2/23/2022 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 2:55 PM Departure: 3:40 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation					
02/23/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
07/13/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
02/17/2021	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 p

Deficient

- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

rules.

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

Children Present: 4 Total Children: 4

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

## Comments

This is the second regulatory visit of the fiscal year.

Per the Provider, the home does not currently dispense medication, provide routine transportation, field trips, or swimming activities.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/23/2022

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.decal.ga.gov/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





## **Important New Deadlines:**

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: https://gualityrated.decal.ga.gov/ 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>

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)

Mary Grant, Program Official

Date

Chrissy Miller, Consultant

Date



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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)

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Met

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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: 3**

Child #1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4), Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10), Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4), Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child #4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that two out of four records reviewed were missing the addresses of whom the Child may be released.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

## **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(2) - Please ensure that each Child enrolled in the Home has evidence of ageappropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. The consultant observed one out of four children missing evidence of ageappropiate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunization.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

## Finding

290-2-3-.08(4) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that two out of four records reviewed were missing a statement regarding the known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will secure and maintain the missing Child's health information.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2022

Facility

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

Met

## Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

## Commen

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

## Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

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

Met

# Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Met

## Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Food Service** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

## **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(3) - Please ensure that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age be obtained from Parent(s). Instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the main child care area and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

# **Health and Hygiene**

# 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

# 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

# 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

N/A

## Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

# 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

## Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The consultant observed three children for pay and one child not for pay present during the visit.

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

## Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

N/A

## Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

290-2-321 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
Comment	
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.	
290-2-307 First Aid & CPR	Met
Comment	
Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.	
290-2-307 Staff Qualifications(CR)	Met
Comment	
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.	
290-2-307 Staff Training	Met
Comment	
Annual training requirement and documentation observed for January 2021 to December 2021.	
Staff:Child Ratios and Supe	rvision
290-2-307 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)	Met
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# Comment

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

Met