

# 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:** 4/12/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 2:15 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation					
04/12/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
11/15/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
05/24/2017	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

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#### 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	4	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	7	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	5		-		

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 8

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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>

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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)

Met

#### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Not Met

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.19(2) requires that a Family Child Care Learning Home shall provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants and one-year-old children when placed for sleep in a safety approved crib or in any other type of equipment approved for infant sleep. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined by consultant observation for two twelve-month-olds to be asleep in a pack-n-play with a blanket.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that safe sleep requirements for infants are followed as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2018

Recited on 4/12/2018

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

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

# Facility |

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

Met

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on 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)

**Not Met** 

#### 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 consultants observation that there was a red Little Tikes Car that was missing a door and the outdoor play area had sticks and leaves throughout.

#### 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: 4/22/2018

#### **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 consultants observation that on the right side, back left side and middle of the wooden fencing the pickets are detaching from the post with protruding nails..

#### 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: 4/23/2018

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(m) requires that Home personnel keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on consultants observation that children woke up from nap and were not changed and did not wash their hands..

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

To ensure response to children's needs, Staff shall keep children clean, dry, and comfortable while in care in the Family Child Care Learning Home.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2018

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(d) prohibits Personnel from dispensing prescription or nonprescription medications to a Child without specific written authorization from the Child's physician or Parent. All medications shall be stored as authorized by Georgia law or in accordance with the prescription or label instructions and kept in places that are inaccessible to children. Each dose of medication given to a Child shall be documented showing the Child's name, name of medication, date and time given, and the name of the person giving the medication. It was determined based on consultant observation that two jars of Amoxicillin were stored on a table and accessible to children in care.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain written authorization before giving medicine to a Child; will document each time medicine is administered to a child; will store medicine as required in an area that is locked or not accessible to children; and will store medicine that must be refrigerated in a leak-proof container that is inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2018

# Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

# **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: 11/16/2017

#### Corrected on 4/12/2018

Helper is no longer employed at the center.

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance 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.