

# 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: 10/15/2018 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 11:50 AM Departure: 2:45 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation				
10/15/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
03/07/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
08/04/2017	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 - 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)	3	2	0	1	0
1 & 2 Years	4	3	0	2	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	10	9	0	4	0
Total Under 18 Years	10		_	-	

Children Present: 11 Total Children: 13

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 5

More than 6 for pay

6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notorized no-pay statement

## Comments

The consultant discussed the changes to the rules and regulations effective October 1, 2018 for the Comprehensive Background Checks at this visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/15/2018

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, <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>

Angela Gilland, Program Official	Date	Melyn Smith, 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-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

## Comment

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2018

## Corrected on 10/15/2018

.19(2)( c) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that objects were not observed attached to or in cribs with sleeping infants on this date.

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

N/A

## Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

## **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) - The consultant left the most current Fire/Tornado Emergency Preparedness Documentation Form and discussed the requirements for conducting fire, tornado, and lockdown drills on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2018

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2018

# Corrected on 10/15/2018

.11(2)(f) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all hazardous materials were observed to be inaccessible to children on this date.

## 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)

Met

## Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

## Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

## Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

## Comment

The provider does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

# Licensure

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

Met

## Comment

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - The provider and a helper were observed to provide care for six related children for no pay, one related child for pay, and four unrelated children for pay on this date.

# Correction Deadline: 10/15/2018

# **Safety and Discipline**

290-2-3-.11 Animals N/A

## Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

# Comment

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

N/A

## Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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

Not Met

## Finding

290-2-3-.21(1)(a) requires the Home to ensure that the Provider, every actual and potential Employee(including residents age 17 and older) and Provisional Employee of the Family Child Care Learning Home has submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined, based on review of records, that the provider, helper, and resident did not have evidence of submitting both a Records Check application to the Department and fingerprings to an authorized fingerprinting site on this date.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that every actual and potential Employee(including residents age 17 and older) and Provisional Employee of the Family Child Care Learning Home has submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2018

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(b) requires every Provider to have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Home while any child is present for care or before residing in the Home. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the license date; provided, however, if the Provider has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined, based on review of records, that the provider did not have a comprehensive records check determination on file as required.

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Correction Deadline: 10/16/2018

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(c) requires every Employee to have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Home while any child is present for care or before residing in the Home if age 17 or older. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined, based on review of records, that an employee and resident did not have satisfactory comprehensive records check determination letters on file on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 10/16/2018

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

Met

## Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

"290-2-3-.07(4) requires the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment. Staff members must complete the training within the first 90 days of employment. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases; prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster, or threatening event such as violence at the facility; handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; and precautions in transporting children (if applicable).

It was determined, based on review of records, that the helper was lacking evidence of completing the Health and Safety Orientation Training as required.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete the required training and will ensure any Employees complete the training. The Provider will develop a plan to ensure that any new Employees complete the training as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2018

# **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.