



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/11/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:30 AM    **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**FR-000014466**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
01/11/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/24/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/07/2017	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 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	2	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	2	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	5	6	0	2	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	5				

Children Present: 5	Total Children: 8
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

The provider stated that there are no new staff or residents.

The provider stated she does not provide transportation, field trips, or administer any medication.

The consultant left a copy of the Health and Safety flyer.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/11/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). 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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.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 [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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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)

Not Met

##### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

##### Finding

290-2-3-.12(5) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint and kept clean. It was determined based on the consultants observation that the following potential hazards existed in that:

- Red rocket Next bike had a torn seat and exposed foam as well as a rusted chain
- Red wagon had a cracked seat back on the top left section
- The small red, yellow, and blue wagon had a cracked back middle section near the back wheels

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair or replace any identified hazardous or unclean equipment and will monitor all indoor and outdoor equipment to ensure it is free from hazards and kept clean.

**Correction Deadline: 1/11/2018**

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

Met

##### Comment

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

##### Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

##### Comment

Please ensure that when infants are enrolled that play yards have tight fitting sheets.

**Correction Deadline: 1/11/2018**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.08(1)(c) requires the family day care home to maintain a file for each child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the home may not continue for more than 30 day without such evidence. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the home did not have such evidence for 1 of 8 enrolled children.

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the home did not have such evidence for 1 of 8 enrolled children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Previously Cited: The home provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled child.

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2018**

**Recited on 1/11/2018**

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please keep vacuum cleaner inaccessible to the children.

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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1)(e) prohibits the use of multiple plugs and electric extension cords. Electrical outlets within reach of children shall be plugged or covered. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that electrical outlets located in the main child care area as well as the nap time area were uncovered and within reach of the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will not use multiple plugs and electric extension cords and will check regularly to ensure electrical outlets are plugged or covered.

**Correction Deadline: 1/11/2018**

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 9/3/2017****Corrected on 1/11/2018**

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected in that no ant beds were observed on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please ensure that the wooden boarder around the equipment is free from sharp edges. This is a potential pinching hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 1/21/2018****Comment**

Re-fluff and re-distribute resilient materials.

**Correction Deadline: 1/21/2018****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 the consultant's observation that there was a six inch gap located on left corner section of the fence causing a potential entrapment hazard. It was further determined based on the consultants observation there was an eight inch gap located on the right corner section of the fencing causing a potential entrapment hazard.

**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: 1/11/2018****Recited on 1/11/2018**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined based on the consultants observation that the changing pad had tears located on the left middle section and the changing pad was porous in that it was quilted.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the control of disease transmission, the Home Provider will change diapers in the child's crib or a nonporous surface. The diapering surface will be cleaned and disinfected between use with a single use disposable towel.

**Correction Deadline: 1/11/2018**

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. The provider stated that no medications are being dispensed.

<b>Licensure</b>
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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

**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 employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will 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 the consultant's review of records that the provider did not complete 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: 1/24/2018****Recited on 1/11/2018**

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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**290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.