



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/10/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:15 AM

**Departure:** 1:15 PM

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**Quality Rated:** No

Compliance Zone Designation			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
02/10/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/08/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/15/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	3	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4				
Children Present: 4		Total Children: 5			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1			

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/10/2020

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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

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.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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://www.dec.state.ga.us/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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The children mats were stored as required.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(3) requires the Home to obtain Parental authorization at the time of a Child's enrollment for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available. It was determined based on a review of records that the emergency medical authorization form was incomplete for three enrolled children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure all sections of the form are complete and have the Providers full name and parent signature. The Home Provider will have authorization for emergency medical care completed by the Parent for Children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2020

## Facility

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

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) - Discussed with the Provider about checking the smoke detectors and changing the batteries of the one smoke detector that was beeping in the home.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2020

### 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

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2019

Corrected on 2/10/2020

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation has been corrected.

#### 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 observation that bottom of one of the wooden slates on the right side of the back yard was broken. A hole measuring six inches in length was observed where the wood was broken.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair the broken slate. The Provider will inspect the fence regularly for any hazards

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

The Provider stated proper knowledge of handwashing requirements. The consultant observed the children to wash their hands before and after eating lunch.

### 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

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. There were four children for pay present.

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.11 Animals</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

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

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Please add tape for securing gauze pads.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)</b>	<b>Technical Assistance</b>
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**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(26) - Discussed with the Provider about having any resident that may assist with the care of the children complete the Health and Safety orientation training. Also discussed that if any resident will caring for the children when the Provider is not in the Home should have current CPR and first aid training.

**Correction Deadline: 2/10/2020**

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider completed four of the required ten hours of training for the year 2019.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will obtain the required ten hours of annual training for the year 2020. Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020**

**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**


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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.