

Date: 9/12/2019

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334 Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Arrival: 10:45 AM

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VisitType: Monitoring Visit

			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitorin history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are				
09/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	standing, support, and deficient.				
01/23/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.				
08/21/2018	Licensing Study	icensing Study Good Standing	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 Childrer	
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	1	0	0	0	
1 & 2 Years	4	4	0	0	0	
3 & 4 Years	1	0	0	1	0	
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	1	0	
Total Under 13 Years	6	6	0	2	0	
Total Under 18 Years	6			-		
Children Present: 6	Total Children: 8					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

<u>Comments</u> The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Departure: 12:00 PM

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, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u> , for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,
<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
 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
<ul> <li>All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee</li> </ul>

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: http://decal.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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <u>https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</u> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <u>qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</u>

Gwendolyn Millwood, Program Official

Date

Stacy Whitten, Consultant

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<i>B</i>	1776		Findings Report					
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The fo	llowing infor	mation is as	sociated w	ith a Monitor	ring Visit:	Activiti	es and Equ	unment
						ACUVIU	es anu Equ	iipment
290-2-3	312 Equipm	ent and Sup	oplies(CR)					Met
<b>Comm</b> A varie	ent ety of equipme	ent and tovs v	vere observ	ed.				
	319 Infant-S							Met
<b>Comm</b> Discus	ent sed SIDS and	l infant sleep	ing position					
290-2-3	307 Swimm	ing Pools &	Water-relat	ted Activities	s(CR)			N/A
Comm Home	ent does not prov	ide swimmin	g activities.					
Comm There i	ent is no pool on t	the property						
								Facility
290-2-3	311 Physica	al Plant - Saf	e Environn	nent(CR)				Met
<b>Comm</b> No haz	ent ards observe	d accessible	to children	on this date.				
290-2-3	313 Physica	al Plant-Stru	ctural/Mecl	nanical(CR)				Met
Comm The Ho	ent ome appears	clean and fre	e from haza	ırds.				
	313 Playgro							Met
Comm The ou	<b>ent</b> Itside area ap	pears clean :	and well ma	intained.				
						Н	ealth and H	lygiene

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

### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of hygiene and hand washing procedures.

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

#### Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

#### Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

#### Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The provider cared for six unrelated children for pay on this date.

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

#### Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

#### 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)

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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

#### Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

# Safety and Discipline

# Staff Records

Met

Met

Met

Met

Licensure

Met

Met

Met

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

#### Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

### Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.

Met