

# 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: 8/14/2020 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 4:00 PM Departure: 4:25 PM

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Good Standing

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Quality Rated: 👚 🤺

07/26/2019



Licensing Study



			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 go	
08/14/2020	Licensing Study		standing, support, and deficient.	
01/16/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting	

Support

the rules. Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

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

Children Present: 4 Total Children: 6

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 0 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 14, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 11, 2020 with the Provider Erica Rodriguez. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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).

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Please refer to the website, http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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@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 quardian 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)





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# **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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Erica Rodriguez, Program Official	Date	Elim Tekie, Consultant	Date



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# **Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activi	Activities and Equipment	
290-2-312 Equipment and Supplies(CR)	Met	
Comment		
Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.		
290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)	Met	
Comment		
Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this	date)	
290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	Met	
Comment		
Home does not provide swimming activities.		
	Facility	
290-2-311 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met	
Comment		
An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home the	nis date.	
290-2-313 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)	Met	
Comment		
The Home appears clean and free from hazards.		
290-2-313 Playgrounds(CR)	Met	
Comment		
The outside area appears clean and well maintained.		
	<b>Health and Hygiene</b>	

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

Met

### Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

### Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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

Met

### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Met

### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

### 290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

### Comment

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR on March 9, 2019.

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

Met

### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision** 

290-2-307 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)	Met
Comment Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.	
290-2-307 Supervision(CR)	Met

# Comment

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