

# 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: 11/28/2018 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 11:15 AM Departure: 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation					
11/28/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
02/01/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
08/24/2017	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

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

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

Deficient

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 5

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

#### Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a licensing study.

The provider does not provide transportation, field trips, swimming activities, or administer medications.

The provider is interested in the Quality Rated program. Information was left with the provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/28/2018

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.

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#### 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>

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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** 

### **Finding**

290-2-3-.12(4) requires that all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be used in a safe and appropriate manner by each Provider, Provisional Employee and Employee and child in attendance and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that a child was sitting in a high chair and was not strapped in with the safety straps as the manufacturer intended.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will discontinue inappropriate use of furniture/materials/equipment and ensure that all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment is used in a safe manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or recommendations for intended use.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2018

### Comment

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

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

Met

### Comment

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

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

Met

### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2018

### Corrected on 11/28/2018

.11(2)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

### **Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please ensure to keep the plunger and broom and dust pan inaccessible to the children in care.

# 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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Met

### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

# 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.

### Comment

Provider stated that there have been no new hires or residents since the last visit.

### 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(6) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee, current evidence of successful completion of ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is related to the care of children and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department approved source annually. 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 programs 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 six of ten required annual training hours.

## **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2019

# **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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.