



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/1/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 12:00 PM

**Departure:** 2:45 PM

**FR-17336**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<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.
11/01/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/24/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/07/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	5	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				
Children Present: 5 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2					
Total Children: 6 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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).



**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.

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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@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.

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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 Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.19(2) requires that a Family Child Care Learning Home shall provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants and one-year-old children when placed for sleep in a safety approved crib or in any other type of equipment approved for infant sleep. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined that a 10-month-old was observed inside of a pack-n-play with a blanket during naptime.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that safe sleep requirements for infants are followed as required.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2017**

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

No Swimming Activities Provided

**Facility**

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

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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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 by consultant observation that two outlets were observed to not have covers.

**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: 11/1/2017**

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Outside Area Clean, Well Maintained

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

Provider stated that medication is not being administered

**Licensure**

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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate number of children

**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Animals****N/A****Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

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

Criminal Records Check complete

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

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

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

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(13) requires at least one Adult to supervise Children at all times and requires plans to be made to obtain additional adult help in cases of emergencies. It was determined upon consultant's arrival that the provider and helper were observed sitting on the front porch while children were sleeping inside.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure that either the Provider or at least one Adult supervises the children at all times. The Home will develop or update a plan to obtain additional adult help in case of an emergency.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2017**