



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/5/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

FR-17358

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/05/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/02/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/30/2018	Monitoring Visit	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 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	4	1	0	3	0
3 & 4 Years	4	5	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	8	9	0	5	0
Total Under 18 Years	8				

Children Present: 8	Total Children: 14
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 0	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/05/2019

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.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@dec.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.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: <https://qualityrated.dec.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.ga.gov

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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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 7

Met

Child # 8

Met

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2019

Corrected on 12/5/2019

This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(d) requires that hanging cords be inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the kitchen/eating area had cords hanging near the hutch and accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that hanging cords are inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2019

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

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on observation that the playground had a fountain that contained water in the path area of the playground, a storage area contained tools, a grill, a water hose and other equipment that was accessible to children. Further there was an open storage area on the playground that had a refrigerator and other equipment that posed a hazard to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2019

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

Discussed labeling of "diapering only" areas and staff work stations. Provider stated all children are in pull ups and potty training.

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals Met

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2019

Corrected on 12/5/2019

This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2019

Corrected on 12/5/2019

This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR) Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(17) requires at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination shall supervise Children at all times and requires plans shall be made to obtain additional Staff help in cases of emergencies. It was determined based on observation that the provider left the children unsupervised twice, once to open the gate for consultants and once to open the gate for a parent.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that either the Provider or at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination supervises the children at all times. The Home will develop or update a plan to obtain additional Staff help in case of an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2019