

# 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:** 3/8/2022 Arrival: 1:50 PM Departure: 2:25 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

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Quality Rated: 👚



| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               |  |  |
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| 03/08/2022                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |  |
| 08/19/2021                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |  |
| 02/16/2021                  | 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 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          | 3                | 1             | 0    | 2           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years          | 2                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 5                | 3             | 0    | 2           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 5                |               |      | -           |                   |

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 5

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 5

#### Comments

This is the second regulatory visit of the fiscal year.

The home currently has a two-star rating from quality rated.

Per the Provider, the home does not currently dispense medication, provide routine transportation, field trips, or swimming activities.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/08/2022

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





## Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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), do the following:

1) Log into DECAL KOALA <a href="https://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a> with the userid for your program

2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute

3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation

4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)

| Lucille Bryant, Program Official | Date | Chrissy Miller, Consultant | Date |
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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)

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)

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

N/A

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1) - Please ensure that the pick-up person(s) listed on the enrollment forms include their full address as indicated.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2022

**Facility** 

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

Met

# Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

#### Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

#### Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

# 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

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - The outside area appears clean. Discussed filling in the parts of the playground that the children have played and dug into the ground to ensure that the playground is leveled to prevent any tripping hazards. The Provider has plans to cover the ground with more surfacing materials.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2022

**Food Service** 

# 290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(8) - Please ensure that foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe is not served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2022

# **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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

N/A

## 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. The consultant observed three children for pay and two children not for pay present during the visit.

# **Safety and Discipline**

290-2-3-.11 Animals Met

#### Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

#### Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

#### 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.

# 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(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. 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 shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the Provider did not complete at least ten (10) annual training hours between January 2021 to December 2021 as required.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested. The Provider has currently completed ten (10) training hours for 2022.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

# 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

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