



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 9/8/2020      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 3:00 PM      **Departure:** 4:30 PM

**FR-18014**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
09/08/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/23/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/26/2019	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	0				

Children Present: 0	Total Children: 1
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on September 8, 2020 with the Provider. 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: Developed This Date 09/08/2020

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.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](mailto: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: <http://decal.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.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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

Sherene Edwards, Program Official

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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**

Discussed with the provider to add toys and materials to enhance the learning environment. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Care was not provided for any infant required to be in a crib on this date. Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position in the event care is provided. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Per the provider, the Home does not provide swimming activities at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

An operable smoke detector was observed as required in the home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Please ensure the outside area is clean, clear of any hazards, and well maintained prior to children being allowed to play outside. There were currently no children enrolled on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute as needed throughout fall zone areas of the swing set. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the provider on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****N/A****Comment**

There were no diapered children currently enrolled in the program on this date. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the provider. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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**Licensure**

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) 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 provider on this date.

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there were no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

## Staff Records

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit which was completed on October 23, 2019.

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. Consultant also discussed the screening form for COVID-19 and procedures outlined for COVID-19. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019**

**Corrected on 9/8/2020**

**Correction of citation in that the provider completed at least 10 hours of annual training for 2019 as required.**

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## Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there were no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR) Not Evaluated****Comment**

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