



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 11/30/2017 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:35 PM

Departure: 4:10 PM

FR-18387

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			<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.
11/30/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/17/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/01/2016	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	5	5	2	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	8	2	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Total Children: 8					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

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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Ellen Carter, Program Official

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Patty Malone, Consultant

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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**

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The provider stated proper SIDS practices.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - The consultant discussed the maintenance of the wooden playground fencing.

### Health and Hygiene

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

The consultant observed proper hand washing.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

The provider stated that she is not currently administering medications.

<b>Licensure</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Appropriate number of children

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

Pleasant Interactions Observed

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</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 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Observed-Provider Certified First Aid & CPR

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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

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Training</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Observed-Documentation of required health and safety training.

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

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

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attention To Needs