

# 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:** 8/24/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 3:40 PM **Departure:** 5:05 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation				
08/24/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
02/09/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
08/12/2016	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)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	2	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	3	2	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	10	8	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	10				

Children Present: 10 Total Children: 10

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 6

More than 6 for pay

6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notorized no-pay statement

#### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/24/2017

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).



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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.

- 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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)

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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)

Comment

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

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

Met

Met

Comment

**Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment** 

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

Met

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)

**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 based on observation that four outlets were observed to be left uncovered and within the reach of children.

#### 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: 8/24/2017

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2017

#### Corrected on 8/24/2017

.13(2)(c) - Consultant observed previous citation to be corrected in that the fencing leading to the providers backyard was observed to be repaired and in good working condition.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures

Licensure

## 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d)requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in the rules, to make application to the Department for a license to operate as a Child Care Learning Center. It was determined based on observation that the provider cared for eight unrelated children for pay and two related children for no pay on this date.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. The Family Child Care Learning Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children, related or unrelated, for pay.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

## Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

Met

#### Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

Staff Records

# 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.07(11) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children unrelated to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six children, except during two designated hours approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that the provider cared for eight unrelated children for pay and two related children for no pay on this date.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2017

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

# Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision