



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/3/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:45 PM

**Departure:** 4:00 PM

**FR-22612**

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**Quality Rated:** No

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.
10/03/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/16/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/25/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	1	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				
Children Present: 1 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1					
Total Children: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on April 16, 2019. Consultant spoke with provider about not keeping children if the pitbull dog is on the property effective on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/03/2019

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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.state.ga.us/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).

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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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.12(1) - Consultant discussed providing a wide variety of toys for various interest.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 1**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1

Met

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/16/2019**

**Corrected on 10/3/2019**

**.08(2) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed the provider to have evidence of a current immunization certificate on file for all children enrolled on this date.**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(8)(b) requires that the Family Child Care Learning Home have policies and procedures which shall include written procedures for the following:

1. Guidance and discipline techniques;
  2. Handling emergency medical care, including where the Children will be taken for emergency medical care;
  3. Administering medication and recording noticeable adverse reactions to medication;
  4. Notifying Parents of their Child's illness, injury, and exposure to a notifiable disease;
  5. Noticeable adverse reaction to medication(s);
  6. Exclusion of sick children;
  7. Exclusion of children with communicable diseases, as defined on the chart of communicable diseases which contains recommendations for the exclusion of sick children and their readmission, and is provided by the Department;
  8. Protection of children in the event of severe weather, fire, and physical plant problems, such as power failure, that affect climate control, loss of water, or structural damages;
  9. The transportation of Children to and from school or Home, if provided, to include the procedure to be followed if no one is home to receive the transported Child;
  10. Identification of others providing care. The Provider must inform the Parents of Children in care of the names of any caregiver and their responsibilities, and the names of the persons who would be called upon in an emergency;
  11. Parents' ability to visit the Family Child Care Learning Home unannounced and at any time that their Child is in care;
  12. Any information requested by the Parent concerning the operation of the Family Child Care Learning Home or the care of the Child, including but not limited to a description of any special procedures to be followed in caring for the Child, such as any special services which the Home agrees to provide to a Child with special needs. The Parent(s) will be provided daily communication (verbal/written) regarding the care of the Child, especially with infants, toddlers and nonverbal Children. Additionally, the Provider must bring special problems or significant developments to the Parent's attention as soon as they arise;
  13. Notification of the existence of a firearm in the Family Child Care Learning Home;
  14. Notification of any changes in the regular composition of the household. The Provider must notify the Parent(s) of anyone regularly on the premises, including but not limited to spouse, friend(s), relative(s), or significant other(s);
  15. Notification of the existence of any pets or other animals residing in the Home or on the property of the Family Child Care Learning Home; and
  16. Notification of infant sleep position practices. The Provider must notify Parent(s) of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) risk reduction practices, sleep positioning policies, and arrangements for placing all infants on their backs for sleep.
- It was determined based on review of records that provider does not have written policies and procedures.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will add the missing written policies to the policies and procedures and will update policies and procedures as changes occur in the operation of the Home available for review on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/7/2019**

**Recited on 10/3/2019**

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) -.Please ensure to conduct a tornado drill twice a year.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2019**

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019**

**Corrected on 10/3/2019**

**.11(2)(h) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed a working UL Approved smoke detector and 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher on this date.**

**Comment**

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

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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**
**Not Met**
**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on observation that there were several hazards accessible to children in the front bathroom on the counter.

\*Classic Toilet Bowl Cleaner

\*Orange box cutter

\*DG Hydrogen Peroxide

\* Colgate Sparkling White Toothpaste

\*Electric razor

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

**Correction Deadline: 10/3/2019**

**Correction Deadline: 4/17/2019**

**Corrected on 10/3/2019**

**.13(1)(e) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on his date. Consultant observed all electrical outlets covered on this date.**

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**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 deck used for play had exposed nails protruding from the wood throughout the deck.

**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: 10/13/2019**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Animals****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based on a review of records that the Pitt bull and the Yorkshire Terrier did not have record of vaccinations required by the local county Board of Health on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

**Correction Deadline: 10/3/2019**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(o) requires the Home control pets and other animals to maintain proper sanitation and ensure animals are not a hazard to anyone. No animal that may be vicious is permitted on the premises while children are present. Farm animals cannot be housed within 500 feet of the home. It was determined based on observation that a pit bull dog was on the premises while children were present on this date. The consultant observed the pit bull to be housed in a small kennel on the property.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that proper sanitation is maintained and that animals are not a hazard to anyone on the premises of the Home. Any animal that may have a vicious propensity, shall not be allowed on the premises of the Home any time children are present. Any farm animals on the property, must not be housed within 500 feet of the Home.

**Correction Deadline: 10/3/2019**

**Recited on 10/3/2019**

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit****Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home.

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

The provider has provided occasionally transportation to go to the park. The vehicle was not on site to complete an inspection.

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**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 was conducted on April 16, 2019.

**Correction Deadline: 4/17/2019**

**Corrected on 10/3/2019**

**.21(1)(h) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed the provider to have evidence of a satisfactory criminal record check letter on file on this date.**

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR****Met****Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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

290-2-3-.07(6)-The previous citation was deferred due to the provider having until December 31, 2019 to complete the required 10 hours of annual training.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will obtain the required annual training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

**Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019**

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.