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**Date:** 6/15/2021    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:05 AM    **Departure:** 9:30 AM

**FR-23502**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/19/2019	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	2	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	3	2	0	0	3
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	5	8	0	0	3
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	5				

Children Present: 5	Total Children: 11
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

**Comments**

Background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 15, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/15/2021

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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the equipment and furniture was observed to be properly secured.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed with the Provider. Per the Provider, no infants are currently enrolled in the program.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through no pool was observed on the premises. The home does not provide swimming activities, per the Provider.

### Children's Records

**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(7) requires the Home to maintain Parental agreements for transportation and for field trips, swimming or other activities away from the Home in each Child's record. It was determined based on conversation with the Provider, that the Provider is taking the children to the playground area in her neighborhood without written permission from the parents due to the playground area at the home having a fence installed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will obtain written parental authorization, as required, before taking Children away from the Home. Coordinator provided the Provider with the department's enrollment form to utilize with the parents to obtain authorization for taking the children off of the premises.

**Correction Deadline: 6/15/2021**

<b>Facility</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the home appeared to free of hazards.

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through operable smoke detector(s) and fire extinguisher were observed in the home.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the home appeared clean and free from hazards.

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

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground was observed to be under construction. The Provider was having a fence installed. An orange mesh barrier was observed to be previously used by the Provider.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Provider.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the Provider stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**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**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the appropriate number of children were observed in Family Child Care Learning Home.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through age-appropriate redirection was observed.

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

**Comment**

Per the Provider, the home does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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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. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021. Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratios were observed.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed.