

# 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: 3/16/2021 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 11:30 AM Departure: 12:30 PM

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**Quality Rated: No** 

Compliance Zone Designation					
03/16/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
10/19/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
05/13/2020	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

- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

Deficient - F

 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	1	0	2	0
3 & 4 Years	5	5	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	6	0	3	0
Total Under 18 Years	7			•	

Children Present: 7 Total Children: 9

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

### **Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on March 18, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on enter date, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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).

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Please refer to the website, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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.

- 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)





# **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: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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# **Findings Report**

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# The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

# **Activities and Equipment**

# 290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed during a virtual walk through on this date.

### Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

Met

### Comment

No infants currently enrolled. Discussed cot/mat sheets and observed two pack-and-plays.

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

N/A

### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Comment

There is no pool on the property

# **Children's Records**

Records Reviewed: 7	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met

Records Reviewed: 7 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 5 Met

Child # 6 Met

Child # 7 Met

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

Met

### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

#### Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

### Comment

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

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

Met

### Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Met

# Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Food Service

### 290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

### Comment

Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

### Comment

Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

# 290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations

Met

### Comment

Kitchen appears clean and organized.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2021

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Met

### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

N/A

### Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Met

### Comment

Consultant observed five unrelated children for pay and two related children for no pay with the Provider on this date. No compensation forms were observed.

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

### Comment

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.

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

N/A

# Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**Staff Records** 

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

Met

## Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

## 290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

### Comment

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

# 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 February 15, 2021.

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

# Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

### Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

#### Comment

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.