

# 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:** 3/12/2019 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 9:15 AM Departure: 10:25 AM

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Compliance Zone Designation					
03/12/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
09/11/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
03/28/2018	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	8	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	0	6	0	0	1
Total Under 18 Years	0		-	-	-

Total Children: 11 Children Present: 0

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

### Comments

The provider stated no new staff or no new residents reside in the home.

The provider does not have any children enrolled in this program.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/12/2019

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, <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>

Gwendolyn Jacobs, Program Official	Date	Kesha McNeal, Consultant	Date
Angelette Anderson, Consultant	Date		



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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.

#### Comment

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

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

Met

### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

#### Commen

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

#### Comment

There is no pool on the property

Facility

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

Met

### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

#### 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)

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please ensure that the outdoor play is 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. On this date the consultant observed a hole located in the back of the playground causing a potential fall hazard. Additionally there was tree roots that were exposed causing a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2019

### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Please ensure that the outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. On this date there was a section of fencing on the back right side of the play area that was not fully enclosed due to a tree being cut down.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

### Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Met

#### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Licensure

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

Met

### Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

**Safety and Discipline** 

# 290-2-3-.11 Animals Met

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#### Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

#### Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

#### 290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Met

#### Comment

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

#### Comment

Please replace expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

Met

### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

#### Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Staff Records

# 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

#### 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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.07(6) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee, current evidence of successful completion of ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is related to the care of children and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department approved source annually. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, record keeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training programs shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on the consultant's review that the provider only had four hours of annual training for 2018.

# 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: 4/11/2019

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

### Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Met

### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

### Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)