

# 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: 10/10/2018 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 9:15 AM Departure: 11:30 AM

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               |  |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|--|
| 10/10/2018                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |  |
| 03/29/2018                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |  |
| 12/18/2017                  | 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

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          | 3                | 3             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years          | 4                | 4             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 7                | 7             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 7                |               |      |             | -                 |

**Deficient** 

Children Present: 7 Total Children: 7

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

More than 6 for pay

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

#### <u>Comments</u>

The purpose of this visit is to follow up on visit from March 29, 2018 and to conduct a monitoring visit. Consultant discussed Quality Rated, Comprehensive Background Check, update in USDA guidelines, update of the existing Emergency Preparedness Plan to include all required topics, conducting lockdown drills every six months in addition to fire drills and tornado drills, changes in Provider Search and new features in the provider's Koala account.

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).



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>

| Cindy Jones, Program Official | Date | Isha Barrie, Consultant | Date |
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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 variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (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.

**Facility** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

**Technical Assistance** 

Consultant discussed with provider proper documentation of emergency drills.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2018

**Technical Assistance** 

Consultant discussed with provider about hanging cords to be inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2018

**Technical Assistance** 

Consultant discussed with provider about broom bristles facing in an upward direction when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2018

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**

Consultant discussed with provider about inspection of outdoor equipment for spider webs.

#### Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

#### Comment

Provider does not dispense medication.

# Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

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

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

# **Staff Records**

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

Met

#### **Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with provider having printed documentation on site at facility.

#### 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.

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

#### Comment

Consultant observed that the Home provider had a total number of Children unrelated to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay that exceed six children, except during two designated hours approved by the Department. Consultant discussed with provider about having an aids and maintaining ratios

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2018

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

Met

#### Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.