



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/18/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:40 AM    **Departure:** 11:20 AM

**FR-30857**  
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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<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.
02/18/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/01/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/05/2019	Licensing Study	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	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	4	7	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	4				
Children Present: 4		Total Children: 7			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1			

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to complete a licensing study.

The provider stated that she does not provide medications, transportation, or swimming activities.

All criminal record checks were observed complete. The provider stated that there have been no new hires or residents living in the home.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/18/2020

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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@decal.ga.gov](mailto: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: <http://decal.ga.gov/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.decal.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

Christina Skipper, Program Official

Date

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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 8/1/2019**

**Corrected on 2/18/2020**

**.12(5) - This citation was corrected on this date in that the provider got rid of the Little Tikes castle playhouse.**

**Comment**

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

<b>290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

<b>290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools &amp; Water-related Activities(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

<b>Children's Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 4**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 1	Met
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Child # 2	Not Met
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"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 3	Met
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Child # 4

Met

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

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.08(2) - The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that immunization records are kept on file for every child. One child did not have a current immunization record and the provider stated that the parent has not yet taken the child for their shots.

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2020**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(9) - The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that arrival and departure times are recorded daily for all children.

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2020**

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/31/2019**

**Corrected on 2/18/2020**

.11(2)(c) - This citation was corrected in that the emergency drills logs was observed complete and up-to-date.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the provider had a fire extinguisher that was empty and not in working order as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The home provider will ensure that a working smoke detector is on each floor and a working fire extinguisher is available in the child care area as required, and is maintained inaccessible to children. The consultant spoke with the provider about checking the fire extinguisher monthly and documenting it on the emergency drills log.

**Correction Deadline: 2/28/2020**

**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.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) requires children's hands to be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that three children finished eating a snack and did not wash their hands with warm running water and liquid soap before going to play.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure proper hygiene, all children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2020**

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) - The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that the changing surface remains non-porous. The provider was able to flip the surface over and use the opposite side that was non-porous.

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2020**

**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**

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

**Safety and Discipline****290-2-3-.11 Animals****Met****Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

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

**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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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**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

**Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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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**

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