

### 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: 7/17/2019 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:05 AM Departure: 11:10 AM

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**Quality Rated: No** 

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Compliance Zone Designation				
07/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
01/09/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
08/07/2018	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.

- Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

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### **Ratios/License Capacity**

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	5	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	3		•	•	

Deficient

Children Present: 3 Total Children: 6

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

### Comments

Fingerprint letters observed.

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>

Gwendolyn Pennyman, Program Official	Date	Alison Benson, Consultant	Date



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### **Findings Report**

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# The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

	Activities and Equipment
290-2-312 Equipment and Supplies(CR)	Met
Comment	
A variety of equipment and toys were observed.	
290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)	Met
Comment	
Provider stated SIDS and infant sleeping position.	
290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	N/A
Comment	
Home does not provide swimming activities.	
	Facility
290-2-311 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
Comment	
No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.	
290-2-313 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)	Met
Comment	
The Home appears clean and free from hazards.	
290-2-313 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
Comment	
The outside area appears clean and well maintained.	
	Health and Hygiene

290-2-311 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)	Met
Comment	
Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.	84.4
290-2-311 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
Comment Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.	
290-2-311 Medications(CR)	N/A
Comment	
Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed	Licencure
	Licensure
200.2.2.04 Application Posteriorments/CD)	B/I o 4
290-2-304 Application Requirements(CR)	Met
<b>Comment</b> Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.	
Appropriate number of children observed in Family Office date Learning Frome this date.	
Safety a	and Discipline
290-2-311 Discipline(CR)	Met
<b>Comment</b> Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.	
290-2-311 Transportation(CR)	N/A
Comment	
The provider does not provide routine transportation.	
	Staff Records
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290-2-321 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
Comment Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.	
290-2-307 Staff Qualifications(CR)	Met
Comment	
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.	
Staff:Child Ratios and	d Supervision
290-2-307 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)	Met
Comment  Appropriate ratios were observed on this data	
Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.  290-2-307 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Comment Adequate supervision observed on this date.	

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