

#### 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:** 11/7/2017 Arrival: 2:10 PM Departure: 3:30 PM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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**Quality Rated:** 

11/07/2017

03/21/2017

09/29/2016



Licensing Study

Monitoring Visit



Good Standing

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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

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

Total Children: 6 Children Present: 5

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

<u>Comments</u>
The provider stated that no new staff or no new residents reside at the home on this date. The facility does not conduct transportation or field trips. The consultant and provider discussed the following items:

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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).

<sup>\*</sup> The provider must develop an updated emergency procedures plan. The consultant left a template of the emergency procedure plan for the facility on this date.



Reminder: <u>All</u> employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1**, **2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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.

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#### 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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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>

Joyce Franke, Program Official	Date	Kesha McNeal, Consultant	Date



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#### **Findings Report**

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### The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### **Activities and Equipment**

Comment

Observed-Variety Of Equipment

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

Met

Met

Comment

**Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment** 

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

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2017

### **Children's Records**

### **Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0** Child #1 Met Child #2 Met Child #3 Met Child # 4 Met Child #5 Met Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017

Corrected on 11/7/2017

It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the provider obtained the missing documentation on this date.

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Corrected on 11/7/2017

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290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017

Corrected on 11/7/2017

It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the provider obtained the missing documentation on this date.

Facility

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that the home has an updated written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2017

#### Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Met

#### Comment

Home Clean, Free of Hazards

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

Not Met

#### Comment

Discussed - tree inspection and evaluation. Please ensure that all tree roots are inaccessible to children in that this a potential tripping hazard.

#### Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be 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. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that there was several piles of dog feces located on the right middle section accessible to children.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the health and safety of children, the home provider will remove the dog feces.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2017

Recited on 11/7/2017

## **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017

**Corrected on 11/7/2017** 

It was determined based on the consultant observation that proper handwashing procedures was discussed and observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Provider Stated Appropriate Diapering Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017

Corrected on 11/7/2017

It was determined based on informal interview that proper diapering procedures were discussed on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2017

Corrected on 11/7/2017

It was determined based on the consultant's observation that no medication is being dispensed on this date.

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

Application requirements reviewed

Comment

Appropriate number of children

**Safety and Discipline** 

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant Interactions Observed

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

Met

Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

**Staff Records** 

#### 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

### Comment

No new hires

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff qualifications/compliance with law

# **Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate Ratios Observed

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

Met

#### Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision