

# 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: 11/23/2020 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 10:00 AM

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Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation					
11/23/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
02/07/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
07/30/2019	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

rule

**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	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0		-	-	-

Children Present: 1 Total Children: 0

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

# Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 23, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 2, 2020 with Kimberly Morgan. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection. The provider does not currently have any children enrolled in the program.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/23/2020

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).

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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).

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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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on December 2, 2020.

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

**Not Evaluated** 

#### Comment

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

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

N/A

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

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

Met

#### Comment

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date.

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

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)

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that 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. It was determined based on observation that the provider did not have a fully enclosed fence during a virtual visit on December 2, 2020. No children are currently enrolled in the program.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Provider stated that the fence was damaged during a storm. The Provider stated that the fence would be fully enclosed before any children enroll into the program.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2022

# **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)

N/A

#### Comment

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

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

**Not Evaluated** 

#### 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 Discipline(CR)

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

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

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

N/A

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

# **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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

# Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

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

**Not Evaluated** 

# Comment

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

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

**Not Evaluated** 

# Comment

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