

## 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: 11/19/2018 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 11:00 AM

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Compliance Zone Designation				
11/19/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
03/02/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
01/10/2018	Complaint Closure	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

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

the rules.

Deficient

Total Children: 7 Children Present: 5

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

## Comments

Follow up to the previous visit that was conducted on March 2, 2018 was completed on this date.

Required reporting was discussed with the provider.

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>

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## **Findings Report**

Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 11:00 AM Date: 11/19/2018 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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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 Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.	
290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	N/A
Comment Home does not provide swimming activities.	
	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	

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018

Corrected on 11/19/2018

.08(1) - Children's records were observed complete on this date.

**Facility** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2018

Corrected on 11/19/2018

.11(2)(a) - The emergency plans were observed to be complete on 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)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The provider stated that no medication has been administered since the previous visit was conducted.

Licensure

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018

Corrected on 11/19/2018

.04(1)(d) - The provider was caring for four children on this date, and her grandchild for no pay.

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)

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for the provider and husband.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018

#### Corrected on 11/19/2018

.21(1)(a) - Criminal record checks were observed completed as required.

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

## Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.