



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 7/31/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 1:35 PM    **Departure:** 4:00 PM

**FR-48823**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/31/2019	Monitoring Visit	Deficient
04/15/2019	Licensing Study	Deficient
11/07/2018	Monitoring Visit	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.

**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Ratios/License Capacity**

<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>Children Present</b>	<b>Child For Pay</b>	<b>CAPS</b>	<b>Not for Pay</b>	<b>Provider Children</b>
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	0	0	1	0
1 & 2 Years	7	4	0	3	0
3 & 4 Years	5	3	0	2	0
School Age(5+) Years	2	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	15	8	0	6	1
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	15				

Children Present: 16                                      Total Children: 15  
 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 0                                      Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0

**Helper Needed**  
 More than 6 children under 3 years old (age = 0 - 2 years)  
 More than 8 children under 5 years old (age = 0 - 4 years)

**More than 6 for pay**  
 6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement  
 Total number of children exceeded

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/12/2019

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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://www.dec.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Twalla Newson, Program Official

Date

Jackqueline Frederick, Consultant

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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.19(1)(b) requires that cots and mats shall be provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep. It was determined based on consultant's observation that two toddlers slept in car seats as mats or cots were not available for the toddlers to sleep on.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2019**

**Recited on 7/31/2019**

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**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2019**

**Corrected on 7/31/2019**  
**The consultant discussed infant sleeping requirements.**

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**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2019**

**Corrected on 7/31/2019**  
**.19(2)(c) -The previous rule violation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

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

**Comment**  
Home does not provide swimming activities.

<b>Children's Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 15**

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

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Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Parents Names Missing -(08)(1), Mom Home # Missing -(08)(1), Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1), Dad Home # Missing -(08)(1), Dad Work # Missing -(08)(1), Immunization Form - (08)(2), Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (08)(1), Release Person Information - (08)(10), Transportation Agreement - (08)(7), Allergy/Medical Information - (08)(4), Emergency Medical Authorization - (08)(3), Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met
Child # 9	Met
Child # 10	Met
Child # 11	Met

**Records Reviewed: 15**

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

Child # 12	Met
Child # 13	Met
Child # 14	Met
Child # 15	Met

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

**Not Met**

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**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2019**

**Corrected on 7/31/2019**

**.08(1) - The previous rule violation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(12) requires that documentation for the care of related children in the Home, other than the Providers own children, include a notarized statement of family relationships by the Parent(s). It was determined based on observation that the provider did not have a notarized no-compensation statement on file for one child in care.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2019**

<b>Facility</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/15/2019**

**Corrected on 7/31/2019**

**.11(2)(c) - Citation observed corrected on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2019**

**Corrected on 7/31/2019**

**.11(2)(f) - Citation observed corrected on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Home appears free from hazards.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There is no pool on the property

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**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**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

**Licensure**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d)requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in the rules, to make application to the Department for a license to operate as a Child Care Learning Center. It was determined based on observation that the home provider cared for eight children for pay, six children for no pay, and the provider's child who lived in the home.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**Staff Records**

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2019**

**Corrected on 7/31/2019**

**.21(1)(c) - Citation observed corrected on this date.**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(12) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children unrelated to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six children, except during two designated hours approved by the Department. It was determined based on consultant's observation that there were 15 children present. Nine children were kept for no pay and six children were kept for pay.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2019**

**Recited on 7/31/2019**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(13) requires the Home to ensure that whenever Related Children or Children who reside in the Home are present in the Home the total number of children present under the age of thirteen years may not exceed twelve, and the space requirement of 35 square feet per each child present must be met. It was determined based on observation that a total number of 15 children, under the age of thirteen years, were present. The 15 children included the provider's child who lived in the home.

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**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.