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			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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					
05/20/202	20 Licensing	Study Go	od Standing	standing, support,				
10/24/201	9 Monitoring	Visit Go	od Standing	Good Standing -	Program is demo	nstrating an acc	ceptable level of perfo	ormance in meeting
04/29/201	9 Monitoring	Monitoring Visit Good Standing Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meetin rules.			provement 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)	1	0	0	0	1
1 & 2 Years	3	6	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	2	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	10	0	1	1
Total Under 18 Years	5		-		
Children Present: 5	Total Children: 12				
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	esent: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1				

#### **Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 20, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 17, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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).

<ul> <li>Please refer to the website, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,</li> <li>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</li> <li>New clearance is required at least once every five years</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance</li> <li>All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check</li> <li>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</li> <li>Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee</li> </ul>

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: http://decal.ga.gov/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: <u>https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</u> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <u>qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</u>

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290-2-	-312 Equipm	nent and Supplies(CR)				Met
<b>Comm</b> A varie		ent and toys were observed.				
290-2-	319 Infant-S	Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)				Met
<b>Comm</b> Discus		d infant sleeping position.				
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		ing Pools & Water-related Activitie	es(CR)			Met
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Child	d # 1			Met		
Child	d # 2			Met		
Child	d # 3			Met		
Child	d # 4			Met		
Child	d # 5			Met		

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

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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

# Comment

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

### Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

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

# Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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

# Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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

# Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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

### Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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

### Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

### Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

# 290-2-3-.11 Animals

### Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

# Met

Safety and Discipline

Licensure

### Met

# Met

Facility

Met

Met

Met

Met

Met

Health and Hygiene

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

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

290-2-321 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
Comment	
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.	
290-2-307 First Aid & CPR	Met
Comment	
Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.	
290-2-307 Staff Qualifications(CR)	Met
Comment	
Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were dis during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Exect May 12, 2020.	
290-2-307 Staff Training	Met

## Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

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

#### Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

#### Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.

Met

Met

**Staff Records** 

Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

Met

Met