

# 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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**Quality Rated: No** 

				ne Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring ains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good
04/23/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	standing, suppor	, ,
			Good Standing	<ul> <li>Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>
			Support	<ul> <li>Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</li> </ul>
			Deficient	<ul> <li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>

## 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: 0 Total Children: 0

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

#### **Comments**

Permission to Operate not issuded on this date. Will be issued once the dog has completed the adoption process. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. Consultant discussed Quality Rated and the new Criminal Background Check with the Provider on this date. This facility has a limited capacity of 5 children.

4/24/19 - Recieved adoption papers on this date. Permission to Operate granted.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/23/2019

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, <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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is <u>valid for thirty(30) days</u>. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at http://www.decal.ga.gov/ or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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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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**

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# The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

# **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

## Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

#### Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

## Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

Met

#### Comment

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib.

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

Met

#### Comment

There is no pool on the property. Consultant discussed ratios and requirements if children are taken off-site to go swimming.

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Not Met

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on consultant's observation that hazards existed in that there were exposed deteriorated siding accessible to children along the backside of the home in the play area.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

To Home has a repair person coming to install new siding. Until the new siding is installed, the home owner will place flex tape over the sections that need repair so that it is inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2019

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

**Not Met** 

## **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 consultant's observation that hazards existed in that there were exposed tree roots through out the play area.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will spray paint the tree roots to make them visible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2019

## **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 consultant's observation, that hazards existed on the playground:

- A barrier measuring two (2) feet around the A/C unit, in chicken wire, when a four (4) foot barrier is required
- The back fence was wobbly and not secure.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will install a four (4) foot temporary fence along the inside of the bushes to ensure the children do not have access to the A/C unit and the back fence.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2019

## Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

#### Comment

There is no pool on the property

# **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)

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider. Permission to Operate not issued on this date due to the presence of a pit bull that will be leaving the home on April 24, 2019.

# Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals Not Met

#### Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date, completed on October 4, 2018.

## Finding

290-2-3-.11(o) requires the Home control pets and other animals to maintain proper sanitation and ensure animals are not a hazard to anyone. No animal that may be vicious is permitted on the premises while children are present. Farm animals cannot be housed within 500 feet of the home. It was determined based on consultant's observation, that a pit bull was present on this date.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider has an adoption process set up and the pit bull is scheduled to be adopted on April 24, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019

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

Met

#### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed the Provider's discipline policies on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the Provider decides to incorporate transportation. The Provider will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

**Staff Records** 

## 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

## Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Consultant observed three (3) staff records to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(24) - Consultant discussed Business License requirement with the Provider. The Provider has until May 24, 2019 to submit the Business License to the Consultant.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2019

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

#### Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each Staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

# **Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

## Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed ratios with Provider on this date.

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

Met

## Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed adequate supervision with the Provider on this date.