



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/12/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/12/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/18/2019	Initial Licensing Study	NA

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

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

Children Present: 6 Total Children: 7
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

Comments

The Provider was given Permission to Operate on this date. There were five (5) children present at the time of the visit. The provider's child age 13 was also present. Per Zoning the provider can care for up to six (6) children and is not eligible to care for two (2) additional children for two (2) hours.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/12/2019

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. 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: <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: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

Megan Thomas, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, Consultant

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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

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

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

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.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2019

Corrected on 7/12/2019

.13(2)(c) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed and measured the depth of the resilient surface in the fall zones to be at least six inches and one swing was removed.

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

The provider shared that the gate had shifted some after the rain and gaps were created. Please ensure that there are no gaps that measure more than three and a half inches around the gate of the playground fence.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2019

Corrected on 7/12/2019

.13(2)(d) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that chain link fence that measured five (5) feet of height have been added to the wooden fence. The fence fully encloses the children's play area. The gap at the bottom of the back fence was observed to be covered.

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

Per the provider no medication was dispensed since the last visit and on this date.

Licensure

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

Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. Per Zoning the Provider cannot care for more than six (6) children at a time and is not eligible to care for two (2) additional children for two hours.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **Defer**

Defer

290-2-3-.11(1)(o)-Previous citation deferred on this date. The Provider had submitted a Variance application with the Department on July 2, 2019. The Application is currently under review and the Provider will be notified of the outcome.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that proper sanitation is maintained and that animals are not a hazard to anyone on the premises of the Home. Any animal that may have a vicious propensity, shall not be allowed on the premises of the Home any time children are present. Any farm animals on the property, must not be housed within 500 feet of the Home.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2019

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

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) **Met**

Comment

The provider stated that no transportation has been provided since the last visit. The vehicle is currently not operating, needs repairs and might need to be replaced.

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

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

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