



**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:** 4/30/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**FR-50987**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<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 standing, support, and deficient.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
04/30/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	1	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1				
Children Present: 1 Total Children: 1 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3					

**Comments**

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, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.dec.state.ga.us/> 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.

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#### 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://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.

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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)

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Susan Pinkerton, Program Official

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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 toys and equipment was observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions. All equipment and furniture was observed 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. Children aged 2-4 will be enrolled.

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

Met

**Comment**

Pool will not be used by children in care. A locked gate and door were observed, preventing access to the pool.

### Facility

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

Met

**Comment**

Firearms were not accessible and were in a locked cabinet in the living area of the home.

**Correction Deadline:** 4/30/2019

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

Met

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards. A smoke detector and fire extinguisher were observed.

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

The one crawl space located on the home and accessible on the playground will be covered with a metal grate to prevent access. The provider plans to cover the grate with a planter to prevent children from sitting on the grate. Also discussed closing the hooks at the top of the swing chains to ensure the chains cannot come loose.

**Comment**

The swing/slide set will not be used by children until the fall zone/resilient material rules are met, and the equipment is anchored. The provider will ensure that any children that are enrolled and present will not use the equipment until it is inspected and approved by the department prior to use.

**Food Service****290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

The temperature of the refrigerator and freezer in the kitchen and the small refrigerator in the childcare room were observed at the correct temperatures. Provider will periodically check to ensure the refrigerators are at least 40 degrees, and the freezer at zero degrees or below.

**Correction Deadline: 4/30/2019**

**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 and handwashing procedures.

**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and policy/procedures.

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. The home is currently licensed for six children, and could not increase since the zoning letter limits to six.

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

Discipline rules were discussed with the provider.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Discussed transportation rules.

**Staff Records**

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<b>290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for four adults in the home.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

A variance for the education credential has been submitted to the department, but the determination had not been made by the date of the licensing visit. The provider will receive an approval letter once a determination has been made.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Ratios were discussed with the provider.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Supervision requirements discussed with the provider.