



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/29/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
08/29/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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)	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: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The Family Child Care Learning Home was granted Permission to Operate this date. No children 13 years of age or younger, were present or enrolled on the date of the visit. Per Zoning the Provider can serve up to six children, not eligible for two additional children for two hours. The home does not have Liability Insurance at this time.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/29/2019

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

Tiffany Barksdale, 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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(7) - No children were enrolled or present on the date of the visit. Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that the two large mirrors placed against the wall in the living room, and the three shelf bookcase in the child care area will be secured and anchored prior to children being enrolled, or removed.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. Consultant observed the correct number of cots and discussed cot and mat disinfecting requirements with Provider on this date.

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

Met

Comment

On this date, the Provider stated that the program will not participate in Swimming activities. Consultant discussed Swimming requirements with the Provider, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to the Provider that prior to participating in Swimming activities, in water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the Home is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review Swimming Rules.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - Consultant discussed with the provider to install a safety lock on the oven door and the closet door for the laundry space before children are enrolled. The provider ordered the locks online while consultant was at the home.

Comment

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

Comment

Operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home this date. An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

The provider stated that there are no firearms at the home. There were no flammable liquids stored in the home.

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)**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 observation that there were gaps that measured approximately from five to seven inches under the wooden platform in the yard, when no more than three and a half inches gaps are allowed. Additionally, it was determined that the cement blocks that were under the platform had exposed sharp edges. It was also determined that there were old broken toys and debris on the ground and a broken piece of picket fence material was leaning against the back fence.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will explore the option of fencing in with a four feet approved barrier a smaller portion of the yard. If the landlord does not agree with it, the provider will repair the whole yard.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2019

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 observation that there was a missing wooden board on the back side of the fence that was creating a gap that measured approximately five inches when no more than three and a half are allowed. Additionally, it was determined that the wood on the fence was splintering and breaking. It was also determined that the A/C unit was not fenced in on one side.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will explore the option of fencing in with a four feet approved barrier a smaller portion of the yard. If the landlord does not agree with it, the provider will repair the whole yard.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2019

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Food Service

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant discussed Diapering requirements with the Provider, prior to the visit and on this date. Additionally, Consultant observed proper diapering facilities; non - porous surface and sink with warm running water

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

The provider stated that will not be administering medication. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. The Family Child Care Learning Home was granted Permission to Operate this date. No children 13 years of age or younger, were present or enrolled on the date of the visit. Per Zoning the Provider can serve up to six children, not eligible for two additional children for two hours.

Comment

The provider has submitted a variance for the education credential. The provider has supplied documentation of having a comparable credential.

Safety and Discipline**290-2-3-.11 Animals****Met****Comment**

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

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Appropriate discipline discussed prior to the visit and or this date.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit	Met
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Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

The Provider stated that the program will not provide Transportation and/or Field Trips, upon enrollment of children. Prior to the visit and on this date, Consultant discussed all Transportation and Field Trip requirements with the Provider, regarding two (2) hour Transportation Training, CPR - First - Aid, proper Transportation/Field Trip documentation, vehicle and safety restraint requirements, regulations regarding walking field trips, checklists, name tags and parental permission forms. The provider will call the assigned consultant before starting to transport to discuss the requirements.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The Provider also stated that no other persons, age 17 - years or older, will reside, work or be present in the Home, when children are present for care.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training	Met
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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
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Comment

Appropriate ratios were discussed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Comment

Appropriate supervision discussed on this date.