



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**  
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

**Date:** 9/5/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**FR-51750**

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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.
09/05/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			<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.

**Ratios/License Capacity**

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

**Comments**

Congratulations! This home is granted permission to operate.

This licensed home carry liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/05/2019

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.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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Stacy Adams, Program Official

Date

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Angela Byrd, 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**

On this date, consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys. Consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the Home, to be non - hazardous, fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

On this date, Consultant observed one (1) crib used for sleeping and resting, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with the Provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

On this date, the Provider stated that the home will not participate in Swimming/water activities, in water measuring two (2) feet in depth or greater. Consultant discussed Swimming/water requirements with Provider, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to Provider that prior to participating in Swimming/water activities, in any type of equipment holding 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/water activity Rules.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 4**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

Child # 4

Met

**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on consultant's review of file that a completed enrollment form was missing for a child.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that a child that was enrolled for pay didn't have a current immunization record as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019****Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultants observed complete emergency drills.

**Comment**

Firearms stored so they are not accessible to children. Provider stated parents are notified the home has firearms stored in a locked cabinet.

**Comment**

Home was free of flammable liquids on this date.

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

On this date, consultant observed an operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher.

**Comment**

On this date, consultant observed that operable smoke detector(s) were in the home.

**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(1) - Please ensure all boxes are removed so that the home is clean and clutter free.

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019**

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please ensure the 4 protruding screws on the front of the gate of the playground are cut down to two threads.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2019**

**Comment**

Playground equipment was securely anchored to eliminate accidents or injuries on this date.

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

On this date, consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed.

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**Licensure**

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

This licensed home cares for six children for pay.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019**

**Corrected on 9/5/2019**

**.11(1)(n) - On this date, consultant observed an appropriate vaccination record for August 10, 2019.**

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

The Provider stated that the Home will not provide routine Transportation and Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with Provider, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to Provider that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Home is required to maintain current documentation of CPR and First - Aid Training, complete two (2) clock hours of Transportation Training, regarding the Provider and any Home - Helper Staff participating in any aspect of Transportation, ensure all Transportation/Field Trip checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met, and contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Transportation and Field Trip requirements.

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**Staff Records**

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

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, for the Provider and a resident of the home. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with Provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2019**

**Corrected on 9/5/2019**

**.07(6) - The Provider was given the due date of August 10, 2019, to make corrections on 2019 training.**

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.