



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/15/2020 VisitType: Initial Licensing Study Arrival: 12:45 PM Departure: 2:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Table with 2 main columns: Compliance Zone Designation (07/15/2020, Initial Licensing Study, Good Standing) and Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history...

Ratios/License Capacity

Table with 6 columns: Age Ranges, Children Present, Child For Pay, CAPS, Not for Pay, Provider Children. Includes summary rows for Total Under 13 Years and Total Under 18 Years, and a summary box for Children Present, Caregivers/Helpers Present, Total Children, and Total Caregivers/Helpers.

Comments

The provider was issued permission to operate this date. The FCCLH did not have liability insurance and had the required posting. A copy of the most recent Governor's Executive Order and Covid-19 checklist was emailed to the provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/15/2020

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.

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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@decal.ga.gov](mailto: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.

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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.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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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Anitra Sams, Program Official

Date

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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**

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Cots, sheets and covers were present in the home for nap.

**Comment**

A pack-n-play was present in the home that will be used for sleeping infants if enrolled.

**Correction Deadline: 7/15/2020**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

There is no pool on the property

### Facility

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the correct size fire extinguisher was not present in the home when a 1-A:10-B:C was present.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The home provider will ensure that an appropriate sized fire extinguisher is available in the child care area as required, and is maintained inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2020**

**Comment**

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required 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) 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 the HVAC unit was accessible on the playground. In addition, the right side of the yard was heavily sloped and uneven due to erosion from recent heavy rain.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will fill in the uneven and sloped area of the yard and ensure that children are kept from the area until the repairs are made. Discussed that the HVAC unit should be enclosed with a sturdy and secure barrier that is at least 4 feet tall. The playground will be monitored daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**

**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**

Diapering rules discussed and an approved diapering surface was observed during the visit.

**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. The home will be limited to 6 children for care per the City of Rincon letter dated May 26, 2020.

**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Discipline requirements met.

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

A satisfactory comprehensive determination letter was on file for 3 adults in the home.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Comment**

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

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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**

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