



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/21/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/21/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

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)	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	2	0	0	0	2
Total Under 13 Years	2	0	0	0	2
Total Under 18 Years	2				
Children Present: 2			Total Children: 2		
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1			Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1		

Comments

An Initial Licensing Study visit was conducted on July 21, 2020. Criminal background checks were all reviewed. The exit conference was conducted virtually on July 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. with the Cristina Rodriguez. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on June 15, 2020 was reviewed during the inspection and discussed during the exit conference.

Congratulations! This licensed program was issued permission to operate on July 21, 2020. This licensed home does not carry liability insurance. A sign is posted on the posted notice board.

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.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

Cristina Romani-Rodriguez, Program Official

Date

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On this date, 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.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2020

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant observed five (5) mats used for sleeping and resting which meets the requirements.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2020

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided. Consultant discussed swimming requirements with provider, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to provider that prior to participating in swimming activities, in water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the provider 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)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Provider stated there are no firearms kept in the home.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2020**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through a required 2 A 10 B C fire extinguisher and an operable smoke detector were both observed.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Provider stated there are no flammable liquids, such as gasoline or kerosene, stored inside of the home.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2020

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for staff and children were discussed with the provider on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the provider on this date. During the virtual walk through the diapering area was observed and the provider displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider medication was not dispensed. Medication authorization forms reviewed with the provider on this date and prior to the visit.

Licensure

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through an appropriate number of children were discussed with the provider in Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate vaccination records were available for two (2) pets on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider there was no routine transportation provided. Consultant discussed with provider, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to provider that prior to providing transportation and/or field trips, the provider is required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of transportation training, regarding the provider and all helpers participating in any aspect of transportation, and ensure all transportation/field trip checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met. Further, consultant stated to provider, that prior to providing transportation and/or field trips, the provider is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all transportation and field trip requirements.

Staff Records

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On this date, consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding two (2) home residents. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratios were discussed on this date and prior to the visit.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was discussed on this date and prior to the visit.