



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/15/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 3:30 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
09/15/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing
<p>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.</p> <p>Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p> <p>Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</p> <p>Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p>		

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

Comments

Permission to Operate issued on this date. Provider does not carry Liability Insurance. An Administrative Review was conducted on September 3, 2020. Provider's files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on September 15, 2020. The exit conference was conducted in person at 5:10 p.m. with the Provider. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 18, 2020 was reviewed during the inspection and discussed during the exit conference. Consultant discussed Quality Rated and the new rule updates on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/15/2020

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.

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

Erica Stephens, 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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(7) - Consultant discussed securing the Television screen in the family room prior to children starting on October 1, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2020

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. Consultant observed mats and sheets for the capacity of the home on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities. Consultant discussed if/when the provider takes the children to an off-site swimming pool, ratios and lifeguard requirements are to be met.

Comment

There is no pool on the property.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

290-2-3-.11(2)(g) - Provider does not have any fire arms in the home.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2020

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

Comment

290-2-3-.11(2)(i) - Consultant observed no flammable liquids, such as gasoline or kerosene, accessible on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2020

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) Met

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

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 procedures.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Licensure

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

Comment

Permission to Operate issued on this date. Provider is not planning on starting until October 1, 2020.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed the Provider's discipline policy on this date.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the Provider decides to incorporate transportation. The Provider will contact their regional consultant and have a complete first aid kit and required documents in the vehicle prior to transporting children.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. One (1) record was observed to have a comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letter on file for the provider and all residents living in the home seventeen (17) years and older.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during the inspection on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 18, 2020.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed ratios with the Provider on this date.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed proper supervision with the Provider on this date.