



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/23/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/23/2020	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	1	0	0	0	1
School Age(5+) Years	1	0	0	0	1
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

Permission to Operate issued on this date. Provider has Liability Insurance. Zoning limits the capacity to five (5) children at any given time. An Administrative Review was conducted on October 21, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on October 23, 2020. The exit conference was conducted in person on this date at 11:30 a.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 the new rules and regulations with the Provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/23/2020

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).

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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

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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

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(7) - Consultant discussed reenforcing the black basket shelf to the wall in the front room.

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2020

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

Met

Comment

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib. Consultant observed cots for the remainder capacity of children who nap.

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

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property. Consultant discussed if/when the provider takes the children to an off-site swimming pool, ratios and lifeguard requirements are to be met.

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: 10/23/2020

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.

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 climbing wall on the left side of the slide had two (2) deteriorated panels of wood.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will replace the panels and regularly check the structure to ensure that it is safe for children.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2020**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment, which is adequately maintained by the Home to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the slide and swing set lacked resilient surface. Consultant measured one (1) inch of resilient surface beneath and within the fall zones. Around the slide, three (3) inches of resilient surface is required within the fall zone of six (6) feet out. Around the swing, six (6) inches of resilient surface is required within fourteen (14) feet in front of and fourteen (14) feet behind, and six (6) out each side of the swing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that there is an adequate resilient surface under and in the fall zone of climbing and swinging equipment.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program. Provider only serving children ages 4 years through 8 years old.

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. Overall capacity limited to five (5) children at one given time by zoning.

Safety and Discipline

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

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment 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. Two (2) of two (2) records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters 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**

290-2-3-.07(27) - Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during the Initial Licensing Study on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 18, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2020

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.