



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**  
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**Date:** 9/2/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**FR-54729**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<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.
09/02/2021	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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 2					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 24, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on September 2, 2021. The exit conference was conducted virtually on September 2, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. with the Provider. Permission to Operate issued on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

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.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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Rhonda Young, Program Official

Date

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Jennifer Salies, 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**

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

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. One (1) pack n play was meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as it stated safe for sleep. Further, mats were observed for the remainder capacity.

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

Met

**Comment**

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

### 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 fire arms in the home.

**Correction Deadline: 9/2/2021**

**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)****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 present 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**

Initial Licensing Study conducted on this date. Permission to Operate issued on this date. The overall licensed capacity is six (6) children with two(2) additional children from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed with the Provider the discipline policies 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 complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children. Comment vehicle information, insurance, first aid kit and fire extinguisher were observed.

**Staff Records**

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Training</b>	<b>Defer</b>
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**Defer**

290-2-3-.07(9)-This will be reviewed for the 10 hours of training for 2021 after January 1, 2022.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

**Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021**

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Proper ratios were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Proper supervision was discussed with the Provider on this date.