

# 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:** 12/14/2021 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 12:00 PM Departure: 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation					
12/14/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
03/30/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
08/05/2020	Monitoring Visit	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.

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#### Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	7	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3		-	-	-

Total Children: 7 Children Present: 3

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3

#### Comments

- A virtual inspection was conducted on December 21, 2021, with the (Provider). An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- An Administrative Review was conducted on December 14, 2021 . Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/14/2021

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).

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Please refer to the website, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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

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.

- 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

Bonnie Gunter, Program Official	Date	Roslyn Williams, Consultant	Date

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# **Findings Report**

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# The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

# **Activities and Equipment**

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Met

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

# **Children's Records**

# **Records Reviewed: 3**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1** 

Child #1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child #3

Not Met

### "Missing/Incomplete Components"

Name Missing - (.08)(1), Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1), Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1), Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1), Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1), Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1), Dad Work # Missing -(.08) (1), Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1), Immunization Form - (.08)(2), Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3), Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

### 290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

**Not Met** 

### **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on review of records that the Home lacked evidence of a complete record for four of six records reviewed. It was further determined based on review of records that the Home lacked evidence of an updated record for one child enrolled.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2021

**Facility** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Please ensure that a complete Emergency Preparedness plan is on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/24/2021

# 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 Evaluated

### Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

**Food Service** 

### 290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(13) - Please ensure that the refrigerator and freezer on the lower level of the home is equipped thermometers.

Correction Deadline: 12/24/2021

# **Health and Hygiene**

### 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

# 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

N/A

## Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

#### Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

## 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

# **Staff Records**

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

Met

### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

## 290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

#### Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Defer

# Defer

290-2-3-.07(9)-

### **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: 5/1/2021

# **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.