

## 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: 1/30/2019 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 12:15 PM Departure: 2:20 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation				
01/30/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
09/06/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
01/04/2018	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

rule

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	1	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	5	4	0	2	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	8	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	6		_	-	

Children Present: 6 Total Children: 10

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3

## Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a licensing study.

The provider stated that they do not provide rountine transportation, field trips, medication, or swimming activities.

The provider is not currently participating with quality rated.

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, <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.

#### 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>

Myra Rozier, Program Official	Date	Laura Johnson, 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-.09 Activities Technical Assistance

## **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.09(1) - The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that a daily schedule is posted to include activities for the day.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2019

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.12(5) - The consultant spoke with the provider about replacing the safety belt in the red infant swing and replacing the rotten wooden board on the railing of the ramp leading up to the yellow tunnel slide.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2019

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants.

## **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.19(1)b)3 - The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that sheets are provided for the children's mats during nap time.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2019

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

N/A

## Comment

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

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 6	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met

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

**Technical Assistance** 

### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(9) - The consultant spoke with the provider about using a sign-in and sign-out sheet so parents could document the arrival and departures time of the children each day.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2019

## 290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

# Facility

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

Met

## Comment

The consultant spoke with the provider on this date about ensuring that emergency situation drills are conducted every six months.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2019

## 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** 

#### Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that there was a five inch gap in the left back corner of the fence that posed an entrapment hazard. Additionally, there were six bolts protruding from the gate that measured more than two threads posing a potential protrusion hazard.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2019

Food Service

#### 290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(2) - The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that children between twelve months old and twenty-four months old are served whole milk.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2019

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

### 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

Currently the provider does not administer any medications.

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

Six children were observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

**Safety and Discipline** 

## 290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

## Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Met

## Comment

The provider was observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

### 290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Met

## Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

## 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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

#### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

#### Comment

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

## 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

Met

## Correction Deadline: 2/3/2018

## Corrected on 1/30/2019

.07(6) - This was corrected on this date. The provider had ten hours of annual training for 2018.

## 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.