

# 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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Compliance Zone Designation					
08/23/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
05/13/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
11/28/2018	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 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	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3		-		

Children Present: 4 Total Children: 6

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

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study visit and to folllow up from the previous visit on May 13,2019. The consultant left the Criminal Records Unit Department contact information for the provdier on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/23/2019

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>

Marsha Dennis, Program Official	Date	Chrische Walker, 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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

**Children's Records** 

**Records Reviewed: 4** 

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2** 

Child #1 Met

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1), Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1)

Child #3 Met

Child #4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1) - Please ensure that children's enrollment forms are completed with the parent's work information.

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

#### Finding

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of children records that a child present did not have evidence of a current age-apprpiate immunization form and was more that 30 days without such evidence.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2019

Facility

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

Met

#### Comment

Great job on conducting fire drills and other emergency drills.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2019

# Comment

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

#### Comment

Operable smoke detector was 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)

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please ensure that any exposed nails on the newly installed fence top small boards are covered before the children are present on the play area.

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2019

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2019

#### Corrected on 8/23/2019

.13(2)(d) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. The consultant observed a new four feet in height fence installed on the outside play area, in which it was free of any open gaps on the bottom fencing and any tripping hazards.

Food Service

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

Met

### Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

**DECAL** 

http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx

USDA

http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

# **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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

N/A

# Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed on this date.

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The consultant observed two related children and one unrelated child for compensation on this date. The consultant also observed a 26-year old adult child present in care.

# **Safety and Discipline**

290-2-3-.11 Animals N/A

# Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

# Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for the provider and the resident.

#### Comment

The consultant discussed with the provider to follow-up with the Criminal Records Department for the 26-year old enrolled adult's pending background and fingerprinting application and to answer and questions regarding fingerprinting requirements.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2019

#### **Corrected on 8/23/2019**

.21(1)(f) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. The consultant corrected the 26 yearold adult record to be apart of the family child care enrollment and was not required to have a satisfactory comprehensive background check on this date.

#### 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

### Correction Deadline: 5/27/2019

# **Corrected on 8/23/2019**

.07(24) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. The consultant corrected that the provider is caring for an enrolled 26 year-old adult.

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

#### Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed for the 2018 calendar year.

# **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. The consultant observed the provider to care for a 26-year old adult on this date.