



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 1/16/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:25 AM

**Departure:** 11:50 AM

**FR-9900104755**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<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.  <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.
01/16/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/19/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/08/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	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	3	3	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				
Children Present: 3 Total Children: 3 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/16/2019

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, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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

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@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://www.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.

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)

Cynthia Stipe, Program Official

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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)**

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.12(7) - Consultant discussed removing the children bags from the standing coat hanger. The added weight could cause an injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

**Correction Deadline: 1/16/2019**

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**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: 3**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Please ensure that the you have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. The form was provided to the provider via email.

**Correction Deadline: 1/26/2019****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - Consultant discussed storing children bags outside of the child care room.

**Correction Deadline: 1/16/2019****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**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. The swing set is not in use.

**Food Service****290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Enrolled children are not on table food yet

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

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**

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

Proper hand washing discussed with the provider.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Medication is not dispense.

<b>Licensure</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.11 Animals</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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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 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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

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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>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

<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**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.