



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 10/23/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:05 AM

**Departure:** 10:20 AM

**FR-9900107066**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.  <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.
10/23/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/09/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/02/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	0	3	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	0				
Children Present: 0		Total Children: 3			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0			

**Comments**

There were no children enrolled during this visit.

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/RulesAndRegulations.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://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 Bennett, Program Official

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**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.19(1)(b) - Discussed with the provider that the children mats should be 2 inches in depth.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2018**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

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

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.08(7) - Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Discussed enrollment paperwork. The consultant left a copy of the Bright from the Start enrollment form, safe sleep policy and infant feeding form.

### Facility

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) - Discussed the new emergency preparedness plans. The consultant left copy of the emergency preparedness template and new emergency drill form.

**Comment**

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

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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) - There are no children currently enrolled. Discussed with the provider about ensuring there is adequate sand in the fall zones of the swings and slide before enrolling children.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) - Explained to the provider that the diapering changing pad should be smooth and non porous. The changing pad should not have and raised designs or quilted pattern.

**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

No children were enrolled in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

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

Appropriate vaccination records were available for the one dog in the home on this date.

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**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR****Met****Comment**

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

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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**290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

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