



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 1/5/2021      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 8:20 AM      **Departure:** 10:00 AM

**FR-9900108154**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
01/05/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/21/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/18/2020	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	4	3	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	1	0	0	3	0
School Age(5+) Years	2	4	0	3	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	7	7	0	7	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	7				

Children Present: 7      Total Children: 14  
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2      Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on this January 5, 2020. Criminal Record Cheks were reviewed. A virtual visit was conducted on January 5, 2020 with the provider. An in-person visit was not completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed.

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)

Denise Conner, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed. Cleaning and disinfecting of equipment was discussed during the virtual walk through.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed cleaning of mats during the virtual walk through.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

**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**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 1/5/2021**

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Handwashing procedures were discussed during the virtual walk through.

**Correction Deadline: 1/5/2021**

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Regulations regarding diapering were discussed during the virtual walk through.

**Correction Deadline: 1/5/2021**

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

<b>Licensure</b>
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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Based on providers statement eight children were present and five were for pay and three were for no pay.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was not directly observed and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**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

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020.

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<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2020**

**Corrected on 1/5/2021  
.07(18) - Citation corrected.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2020**

**Corrected on 1/5/2021  
.07(17) - Citation corrected.  
Supervision and meal times were discussed with the provider during the virtual visit.**