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**Date:** 5/14/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 12:10 PM    **Departure:** 12:45 PM

**FR-9900108840**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/14/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/28/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/13/2019	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	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	3	3	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	3				

Children Present: 3	Total Children: 4
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 14, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 18, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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/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://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)

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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.12(7) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A variety of equipment was observed to be secured on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.19(1)(b) - A Virtual Visit was conducted on this date. Safe sleep was observed in the Home on this date. No children under the age of 1 enrolled in the program on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2020**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 3**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

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**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1) - Ensure a complete address is obtained for all persons authorized to pick up children.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(9) - Ensure arrival and departure times are documented for every day in attendance.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020**

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - A Virtual Visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards were observed accessible to children on this date. Remember to keep hazards out of reach of children.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020****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)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(1) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards were observed to be accessible to children on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020**

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2020**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Evaluated****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>

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**290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations****Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2020**

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(m) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020**

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020**

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant observed three, unrelated children for pay on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020**

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<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**290-2-3-.06 Parental Access****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.06 - Parental access limited due to the Executive Order.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020**

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

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

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**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(3) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020**

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**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit****Met****Comment**

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

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

<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

**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)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(27) - Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(9) - Ensure that ten (10) hours of training are obtained annually.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2020**

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

290-2-3-.07(15) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant observed appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2020**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(17) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant observed appropriate supervision of children on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2020**