

# 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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Date: 8/16/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 9:15 AM Departure: 11:15 AM

FR-27372

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**Quality Rated: No** 

Compliance Zone Designation					
08/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
08/08/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
03/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	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.

- Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

the rules.

Ratio Capacity								
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children			
Infant (0-11 mos)	2	1	0	0	0			
1 & 2 Years	3	3	0	0	0			
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	1	0			
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	1	0			
Total Under 13 Years	5	4	0	2	0			
Total Under 18 Years	5		-	-				

Deficient

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 7

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 7 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

#### **Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring or licensing study and follow-up to previous visit conducted on August 8, 2022.

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).

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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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:**

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Daina Monroe, Program Official	Date	Shantreze Anderson, Application Services Unit Coordinator	Date
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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 Met** 

#### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based on observation that the freezer located on the back porch near the playground was not secure. A hand truck was and broom was was also observed on the back porch near the playground.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will secure any identified equipment and/or furniture to prevent from tipping or falling over on a child. The Home Provider will ensure that all potentially dangerous equipment is maintained secure.

Revision Date: 8/23/2023 10:03:51 PM

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

#### Comment

There is no pool on the property

Facility

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on observation that fire and tornado drills for the months of June 2023 and July 2023 were not conducted.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

#### Correction Deadline: 9/15/2023

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on observation that fire drills were not conducted June 2023 and July 2023. It was also determined based on observation that the smoke detector was not observed June 2023 and July 2023.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

#### Correction Deadline: 9/15/2023

# 290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the bathroom is clean and free from hazards.

#### Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023

# **Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1)(e) prohibits the use of multiple plugs and electric extension cords. Electrical outlets within reach of children shall be plugged or covered. It was determined based on observation that a extension cord for the AC unit on the porch near the playground was accessible to children.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will not use multiple plugs and electric extension cords and will check regularly to ensure electrical outlets are plugged or covered.

#### Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023

#### 290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on observation that lawn equipment was accessible to the children on the patio, and around the shed. Standing water was observed in a white bin on the patio under the AC unit. The shed was observed displaying a gap over 3 inches from the bottom of the shed to the ground.

#### **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2023

Recited on 8/16/2023

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2022

**Corrected on 8/16/2023** 

.13(2)(d) - The provider repaired the wooden gate entering the back yard.

# **Health and Hygiene**

# 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

# 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Met

#### Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

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

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

# Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

#### 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.

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# **Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

290-2-307 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)	Met
Comment Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.	
290-2-307 Supervision(CR)	Met

# Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.