

#### 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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#### **Cover Sheet**

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Date:** 11/12/2021 VisitType: Licensing Study Departure: 11:30 AM

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Compliance Zone Designation					
11/12/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
03/16/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
10/28/2020	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

**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)	1	0	0	0	1
1 & 2 Years	1	1	0	0	1
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	5	0	0	2
Total Under 18 Years	4			•	

Total Children: 7 Children Present: 4

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

#### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 12, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 15, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/12/2021

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.decal.ga.gov/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





#### **Important New Deadlines:**

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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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@decal.ga.gov.

- 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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)

Quinchetta Bradford, Program Official	Date	April Brown, Consultant	Date	



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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 on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the provider on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities at this time per the provider. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Children's Records**

# Records Reviewed: 4 Child # 1 Child # 2 Child # 3 Met Child # 4 Met Met

#### 290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

**Not Met** 

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records two out of five enrolled children did not have an up to date immunization record or a signed affidavit against such immunizations on file as required. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2021



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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the written plan for handling emergencies is completed in full which should include but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will 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. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2021

#### **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure documentation of drills are filled in completely as required and 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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2021

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

#### Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

#### Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Food Service** 

#### 290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

Menu met USDA guidelines on this date. The provider reported that the carrots listed on the menu were steamed cooked carrots and were not raw carrots. Consultant discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2021

#### Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Per the provider no medication was currently dispensed at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Safety and Discipline**

290-2-3-.11 Animals N/A

#### Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

#### Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

N/A

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff Records

#### 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 the last visit which was completed on March 16, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

#### Comment

Evidence observed that the provider and helper were certified in First Aid and CPR with an expiration date of September of 2022. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

#### Comment

Provider observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

#### Comment

The provider and helper completed the 10 hour health and safety training on October 23, 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

Annual training requirements and documentation observed for the provider and helper for 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

#### 290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

## **Comment**The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.